

CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY



Vallejo City Unified Secondary 2021-2022 Main Report

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PREFACE

HYPERLINK FEATURE

The digital version of this report has been hyperlinked. Click on the title of a section or a table in the List of Tables and you will be automatically directed to the actual content section or table in the report.

This report provides the detailed results for each question from the 2021-22 *California Healthy Kids Survey* (CHKS) for schools within this school district. The CHKS, along with its two companion surveys—the *California School Staff Survey* (CSSS) and the *California School Parent Survey* (CSPS)—form the California Department of Education’s *California School Climate, Health, and Learning Survey* (CalSCHLS) System. CalSCHLS is the largest, most comprehensive state effort in the nation to regularly assess students, staff, and parents to provide key data on school climate and safety, learning supports and barriers, stakeholder engagement, and youth development, health, and well-being. Exhibit 1, at the end of the Preface, presents the major domains and constructs assessed by CalSCHLS. Appendix I lists the schools that administered the survey in the district and their response rates; Appendix II provides more information about CHKS questions.

These surveys grew out of the California Department of Education’s (CDE) commitment to helping schools create more positive, safe, supportive, and engaging environments and to promoting the successful cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of all students. They provide a wealth of information to guide school improvement and **Local Control and Accountability Plan** (LCAP) efforts, particularly in regard to the state priorities of enhancing school climate, pupil engagement, parent involvement, and addressing the needs of vulnerable groups.

Factsheets, guidebooks, and other resources to help in understanding and using CHKS results are available for downloading from the CalSCHLS website (calschls.org), including *Helpful Resources for Local Control and Accountability Plans* (calschls.org/docs/lcap_cal_schls.pdf). The California Safe and Supportive Schools website (ca-safe-supportive-schools.wested.org) provides information and tools helpful in implementing effective strategies to address the needs identified by the survey.

The CalSCHLS Regional Centers offer data workshops and coaching to help identify local needs and develop action plans to meet those needs.

THE SURVEY

CDE has funded the CHKS since 1997 to provide data to assist schools in: (1) fostering safe and supportive school climates, social-emotional competencies, and engagement in learning; (2) preventing youth health-risk behaviors and other barriers to academic achievement; and (3) promoting positive youth development, resilience, and well-being. A thorough understanding of the scope and nature of student behaviors, attitudes, experiences, and supports is essential for guiding school improvement and academic, prevention, and health programs. Appendix II is a brief guide to key CHKS Core Module indicators designed to help survey users more easily understand and interpret their findings.

The CHKS is not just a standalone instrument but a data collection system that districts can customize to meet local needs and interests. The secondary-school CHKS consists of a required general Core Module and a series of optional, supplementary topic-focused modules that districts can elect to administer.

Districts may also add their own questions of local interest in a custom module. Table 1 indicates the modules administered by the district/school.

Core Module

As summarized in Appendix II, the Core Module consists of key questions that are considered most important for schools to guide improvement of academic, health, and prevention programs and promote student achievement, college and career readiness, positive development, and well-being. The majority of the questions are school-specific, including the following indicators:

- student grades, truancy, boredom at school, attendance, academic motivation, and school connectedness, as indicators of engagement;
- developmental supports (protective factors) that promote positive academic, social, and emotional outcomes: experiences of caring adult relationships, high expectations, and opportunities for meaningful participation at school;
- perceived school safety, bullying, and victimization; and
- violence perpetration, substance use, and crime-related behavior (e.g., weapons possession).

The Core Module also assesses indicators of student well-being in general, including the scope and nature of substance use and mental health and wellness (chronic sadness, social and emotional distress, life satisfaction, and contemplation of suicide). These questions provide insight into important barriers to learning and development.

A wide range of demographic questions help districts identify differences among student groups and to better address the needs of significant and vulnerable students, including those required to be included in LCAP efforts. These include differences in the results related to race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status; homeless and foster status; and English language proficiency.

What's New? Although most school buildings have re-opened in 2021-22 for in-person instruction in California, the CHKS still contains skip logic to direct students to some questions relevant to remote instruction for students participating in school remotely via the California's Independent Study option. In addition, questions asking about students' social and emotional distress and optimism about the future have been retained and life satisfaction items have been added to the Core Module to assess student wellness. The new content assessed by the Core Module includes the following:

- boredom at school;
- life satisfaction;
- perceived harm of occasional and frequent vaping of tobacco/nicotine;
- perceived difficulty of obtaining prescription drugs; and
- frequency of vaping specific substances (tobacco or nicotine, marijuana or THC, other).

In addition, display logic has been added to the survey so that all students are not asked questions that are not applicable to them (e.g., cessation attempts are only asked of students who had used substances in their lifetime). To reduce survey burden, items assessing self-efficacy, problem solving, self-awareness, gratitude, and adult and peer caring relationships have been moved back to the Social Emotional Health Module (SEHM).

School Climate Module (Supplementary)

To further support school improvement efforts and the LCAP process, a supplementary School Climate Module is available. It provides additional data on student academic mindset, school academic supports, discipline/order, supports for social-emotional learning, bullying prevention, peer relationships, respect for diversity, and the quality of the physical environment (calschls.org/survey-administration/downloads).

Social Emotional Health Module (Supplementary)

The Social Emotional Health Module (SEHM) greatly enhances the value of the CHKS as a strength-based assessment of positive emotions, engagement, ability to build and maintain relationships, and other social-emotional capacities linked to student mental health and well-being and academic success. It includes 43 items that capture core adolescent psychological assets. The combination of the SEHM and Core Module yields a comprehensive set of data to inform decisions about mental health and social-emotional learning programs.

SURVEY ADMINISTRATION AND SAMPLE

School staff administered the survey, following detailed instructions provided by CDE that were designed to assure the protection of all student and parental rights to privacy and to maintain confidentiality. Students were surveyed only with the consent of parents or guardians. Each student's participation was voluntary, anonymous, and confidential.

- Table A1.1 describes the target sample of students and the final number and percent of students who completed the survey (the participation response rate).
- Appendix I lists all the secondary schools in the district that were eligible to participate in the survey and the percentage of their enrolled students that completed the survey (included in the district report).

THE REPORT

The report tables, organized by topic, provide the percentage of students that responded to each question response option by grade level. Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Racial/Ethnic and Gender Results

Summary tables provide key findings (e.g., safety, harassment, developmental supports, school connectedness) disaggregated by race/ethnic categories and gender. Districts can subscribe to the District CalSCHLS data dashboard to disaggregate their CHKS results by the race/ethnicity or gender of students or by other demographic categories.

ONLINE DATA DASHBOARDS

Public Dashboard. Anyone can examine online key state, county, and district CHKS results on the public CalSCHLS Data Dashboard (calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard). The dashboard can be used to graphically display statewide, county, and district key indicators from the Core and School Climate Module, trends over time, and disparities in survey outcomes across subgroups. Group differences by gender, race/ethnicity, parental education, parent military status, homeless status, afterschool participation, gender identity, and sexual orientation can be examined. In addition, results can be displayed for English learners, free and reduced-priced meal eligible students (before 2021-22), and foster youth – three important LCAP priority groups. In addition to displaying results interactively on the web, dashboard

results can be exported as Image and PDF files for dissemination. District data are publicly posted on the dashboard by the end of November of the year following survey administration.

The District Dashboard Option. Districts may now also purchase a two-year subscription to a password protected, private data dashboard that displays up to eight years of CalSCHLS data at not only the district level but also the *individual school level*. The dashboard provides designated staff with graphical data displays for the district as a whole, for all schools in the district on the same page to enable comparisons across schools, and for a single, individual school. At both the district and school level, viewers can:

- compare their data with district and state averages;
- make comparisons across groups such as race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and afterschool participation; and
- examine data trends over time overall and by different demographic groups.

Viewers at both the district level and the school level have the option to download data displays as a PDF document which can be shared with stakeholders.

UNDERSTANDING THE DATA

Care must be taken to understand the factors that can impact the quality, validity, and generalizability of the results. These include changes that occur in survey content, administration, and/or sample characteristics between administrations. The following are a few of the key issues that should be kept in mind.

Representativeness

Among the most important factors affecting the quality of survey results is the level and type of student participation. The validity and representativeness of the results will be adversely affected if the student response rate is lower than 70 percent (see Table A1.1 and Appendix I for student response rates). One indication of the survey's representativeness is how accurately the sample reflects the gender and ethnic composition of the student enrollment. Even if the response rate is low, the results provide an indication of what those students who did respond felt about the school and their experiences and behavior.

Changes Between Survey Administrations

Many factors besides real changes in behavior, attitudes, or experiences among students may account for changes in results from administration to administration. Changes may be due to differences over time in the characteristics or size of the sample of students who completed the survey, changes in the questions themselves, or differences between time periods in which the survey was administered (e.g., some risk behaviors tend to increase as students age, or may increase during holidays or social events).

RESOURCES

CalSCHLS.org contains numerous guidebooks and other resources for using and understanding survey results.

- CHKS **factsheets** analyze key topics at the state level, show how data variables are related, and offer suggestions for how data can be analyzed at the local level (calschls.org/resources/factsheets).
- *Assessing School Climate* describes the value of the CalSCHLS student, staff, and parent surveys for assessing school climate, listing constructs and individual indicators (data.calschls.org/resources/Cal-SCHLS_AssessingClimate2013-14.pdf).

- ***Making Sense of School Climate*** provides a discussion of CalSCHLS survey items that relate to school climate (data.calschls.org/resources/S3_schoolclimateguidebook_final.pdf).
- ***Using CalSCHLS to Assess Social-Emotional Learning and Health*** describes how the CHKS Core and SEHM module provide a comprehensive profile of student social-emotional competency (learning) and health, and the related supports schools provide, including questions aligned with the framework developed by the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) (data.calschls.org/resources/CalSCHLS_AssessSELH.pdf). The staff survey provides data on the perception of adults in the school on social-emotional service needs and provision.
- ***Helpful Resources for Local Control and Accountability Plans*** describes how survey items align with LCAP priorities and indicators (calschls.org/docs/lcap_cal_schls.pdf). Also available is an LCAP-related PowerPoint presentation (calschls.org/site/assets/files/1036/calschls-lcap_schoolclimatev6-1.pptx).
- The ***California Safe and Supportive Schools Newsletter*** provides monthly announcements of resources, tools, webinars and workshops, and research. Sign up on calschls.org/resources.
- CDE's **California Safe and Supportive Schools** website (ca-safe-supportive-schools.wested.org) contains a wealth of information and tools related to school climate improvement and social-emotional learning. It includes factsheets analyzing CalSCHLS data and *What Works Briefs* that provide guidance on strategies to implement.
- The **CalSCHLS Item Crosswalk** (calschls.org/docs/calschls-crosswalk.pdf) is a handy table listing all the constructs and questions that are on two or more of the CalSCHLS surveys, along with the report table number where results can be found, to assist in the comparison of findings among students, staff, and parents.

NEXT STEPS

Receiving this report is just a beginning step in a data-driven decision-making process of continuous improvement. The following describes some additional steps you should take and some custom services (additional fees apply) available from the CalSCHLS Regional Centers. These will help in fostering effective use of the results and provide additional information to support school and program improvement efforts and the LCAP process.

Engage Students, Staff, and Parents in Reviewing the Results and Action Planning

Engage students, parents, and school/community stakeholders in reviewing and exploring the meaning of the results. Obtain their input into how the school might better meet the identified school and student needs and into developing a detailed action plan to guide school/community collaborative efforts. This communicates to stakeholders that you value their input into how to improve the school/community and gives them an opportunity for meaningful participation. By enlisting their collaboration, you also increase the prospect that the identified needs will be successfully addressed.

As part of this process, WestEd staff can facilitate a *Data Workshop* designed to identify local needs based on the survey results and engage adult stakeholders in developing a detailed plan and timetable for meeting those needs using evidence-based strategies. For more information, contact your CalSCHLS Regional Center 888.841.7536 or email calschls@wested.org.

Compare Results with Other Data

The value of your CHKS results will be greatly enhanced if examined in the context of the following sources of related data.

- **Staff and Parent Surveys.** If your school district has administered the CalSCHLS school staff and parent surveys, obtain these results and compare them to those provided by students. It is important to determine how consistent are student, staff, and parent perceptions and experiences. To facilitate these comparisons, the CalSCHLS Survey Item Crosswalk (calschls.org/docs/calschls-crosswalk.pdf) lists all the constructs and questions that are on two or more of the CalSCHLS surveys, along with the report table number where results can be found. If your district did not administer these companion surveys, urge them to do so next time.
- **Elementary CHKS Results.** Examine how the results from 9th and 11th graders compare with those from 5th and 7th graders if your district also administered the CHKS at these school levels. The elementary, middle, and high school surveys contain common indicators that will enable you to gain a sense of the developmental trajectory in these indicators and explore what programs at the elementary and middle school levels might help mitigate problems that are evident among older students.
- **Other Data.** Examine how the results compare with other youth data collected within the district that relate to the variables assessed. Other relevant school-related data include discipline referrals, school demographic information, school vandalism costs, and behavioral observations in classrooms.
- **Similar District and Statewide Results.** The results from the biennial state administration of the CHKS, which provide representative state norms, can be downloaded from the CalSCHLS website (data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1719.pdf) or examined on the CalSCHLS Data Dashboard (calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard). If there is a school district that you consider similar to your own, you can also check to see if they have administered the survey and download the results for comparison (calschls.org/reports-data/search-lea-reports). How you compare to state and district results can provide some context for your results, but the most important consideration is what your own results say about the students in your school/community.

Data Workshop

To assist in your review of the survey results, you can request your CalSCHLS Regional Center to conduct a structured, customized *Data Workshop*. In this workshop, a survey specialist works with district stakeholders to promote better understanding of the results and to identify local needs that need to be addressed. The workshops can also include engaging stakeholders in developing a detailed Action Plan and timetable for meeting those needs using evidence-based strategies. For more information, contact your CalSCHLS Regional Center (888.841.7536) or email calschls@wested.org.

Request Additional Reports and Data

As you review your data with stakeholders, you may find that additional data needs emerge. The following custom services are available through the CalSCHLS Regional Centers to help delve more deeply into your survey results and foster more effective use of the results in support of school and program improvement efforts and the LCAP process.

School Reports and School Climate Report Cards

If the schools in the district vary significantly in demographics, programs, or other characteristics, consider requesting individual reports for each school. Two types of reports are available:

- A full report with all the survey results
- A short, user-friendly, graphic **School Climate Report Card** that provides results across key indicators of school climate and provides two-year state averages on those indicators (calschls.org/reports-data)

District School Climate Report Card

For districts that survey all their schools, a district-level School Climate Report Card can be requested. This is a powerful, useful tool for guiding efforts to meet the school climate and pupil engagement priorities for the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Disaggregated Reports

The staff of the CalSCHLS Regional Centers can produce full reports that look at how results vary by demographic subgroups (e.g., race/ethnicity), or by other characteristics of youth, such as those who are low in academic motivation compared to those who are high. This can be valuable for identifying what subgroups need to be targeted with what resources and programs. Given the LCAP requirement that districts identify and address the needs of underserved subgroups, doing this would be a natural next step for addressing subgroup disparities.

Additional Analysis of Data

The complete dataset is available electronically for additional analysis (calschls.org/reports-data). The dataset enables analyses of patterns in the results, how they are interrelated, and how they vary by different subgroups of students and across schools within a district. You can also request an analysis by WestEd staff of any topic of interest.

Add Questions to Your Next Surveys

Determine what additional information is needed from students to guide school improvement efforts and add questions to your next CHKS, staff, or parent surveys. All three surveys are designed so that schools can add additional questions to help them conduct a more individualized and comprehensive assessment.

For more information about survey planning or technical assistance in understanding survey results and developing effective action plans to address identified needs, call the CalSCHLS helpline (888.841.7536) or email calschls@wested.org.

Exhibit 1***Major School-Related Domains and Constructs Assessed by CalSCHLS in Secondary Schools***

	Student Core	Student School Climate	Student Social Emotional Health	Staff Survey	Parent Survey
Student Learning Engagement					
Academic mindset			✓		
Academic motivation	✓	✓		✓	✓
Academic performance (grades)	✓				
Attendance (absences and reasons absent)	✓			✓	
School connectedness	✓				
Student Social-Emotional and Physical Well-being					
Alcohol, tobacco, and drug use	✓			✓	✓
Behavioral self-control			✓		
Bedtime	✓				
Collaboration			✓		
Emotional self-regulation			✓		
Empathy			✓		
Gratitude			✓		
Life satisfaction	✓				
Optimism	✓				
Perceived safety	✓			✓	✓
Persistence			✓		
Problem solving			✓		
Self-awareness			✓		
Self-efficacy			✓		
Social-emotional competencies and health			✓	✓	
Social-emotional distress	✓				
Violence and victimization (bullying)	✓			✓	✓
Zest			✓		
School Climate Conditions					
Academic rigor and norms				✓	✓
College and career supports		✓		✓	✓
Family support			✓		
High expectations	✓			✓	✓
Meaningful participation and decision-making	✓			✓	✓
Parent involvement	✓			✓	✓
Physical environment	✓	✓		✓	✓
Relationships among staff				✓	
Relationships among students		✓	✓	✓	✓
Relationships between students and staff	✓			✓	✓
Respect for diversity and cultural sensitivity		✓		✓	✓
Teacher and other supports for learning		✓		✓	✓
School Climate Improvement Practices					
Bullying prevention		✓		✓	✓
Discipline and order (policies, enforcement)		✓		✓	✓
Services and policies to address student needs				✓	
Social-emotional/behavioral supports		✓		✓	✓
Staff supports				✓	

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Survey Module Administration

Table 1

CHKS Survey Modules Administered

Survey Module	Administered
A. Core (Required)	X
B. Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Module	X
C. Closing the Achievement Gap (CTAG) Module	
D. Community Health Module	
E. District Afterschool Module (DASM)	
F. Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Module	
G. Gang Risk Awareness Module (GRAM)	
H. Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation-Based Harassment Module	
I. Mental Health Supports Module	
J. Military-Connected School Module	
K. Physical Health & Nutrition Module	
L. Resilience & Youth Development Module	
M. Safety & Violence Module	
N. School Climate Module	
O. Sexual Behavior Module	
P. Social Emotional Health Module (SEHM)	
Q. Tobacco Module	
R. Trauma-Informed Practice Module	
Z. Custom Questions	X

Core Module Results

1. Survey Sample

Table A1.1

Student Sample for Core Module

	Grade 7	Grade 9	Grade 11	NT ^A
<i>Student Sample Size</i>				
Target sample	693	734	795	130
Final number	492	436	564	31
Response Rate	71%	59%	71%	24%

Note: ^ANT includes continuation, community day, and other alternative school types.

Table A1.2

Number of Respondents by Instructional Model

	Grade 7	Grade 9	Grade 11	NT
In-school learning only	466	431	552	22
Remote learning only	26	5	12	9

2. Summary of Key Indicators

Table A2.1

Key Indicators of School Climate

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %	Table
School Engagement and Supports					
School connectedness ^{†#} (<i>In-School Only</i>)	39	40	33	31	A6.4
School connectedness ^{†ψ} (<i>Remote Only</i>)	43		23		A6.4
Academic motivation [†]	57	56	52	54	A6.4
School is really boring [±]	56	63	67	64	A6.11
School is worthless and a waste of time [±]	18	22	22	36	A6.11
Monthly Absences (3 or more)	27	25	24	35	A6.2
Maintaining focus on schoolwork [†]	27	27	25	28	A6.10
Caring adult relationships [‡]	49	43	49	43	A6.4
High expectations-adults in school [‡]	61	60	62	52	A6.4
Meaningful participation [‡]	19	17	16	12	A6.4
Facilities upkeep ^{†Φ}	16	13	13	22	A6.14
Promotion of parental involvement in school [†]	36	29	18	29	A6.4
School Safety and Cyberbullying					
School perceived as very safe or safe ^Φ	34	38	32	33	A8.1
Experienced any harassment or bullying [§]	45	28	22	8	A8.2
Had mean rumors or lies spread about you [§]	37	27	25	13	A8.3
Been afraid of being beaten up ^{§Φ}	30	21	11	0	A8.3
Been in a physical fight ^{§Φ}	23	9	7	24	A8.4
Seen a weapon on campus ^{§Φ}	22	20	18	18	A8.6
Cyberbullying [§]	34	22	22	13	A8.3

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

[#]The scale was based on five survey questions for in-school respondents.

^ψThe scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.

[±]Rating of 6 or higher.

^ΦIn-school only.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A2.2**Key Indicators of Substance Use, Remote Learning, and Student Well-Being**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %	Table
Substance Use					
Current alcohol or drug use [¶]	7	13	19	32	A9.5
Current marijuana use [¶]	4	8	12	32	A9.5
Current binge drinking [¶]	1	4	4	4	A9.5
Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times, ever	1	4	12	28	A9.7
Been drunk or “high” on drugs at school, ever	2	7	11	20	A9.9
Current cigarette smoking [¶]	1	1	2	4	A10.4
Current vaping [¶]	6	8	9	28	A10.4
Current tobacco vaping [¶]	3	7	8	28	A10.5
Current marijuana vaping [¶]	3	6	6	28	A10.5
Routines					
Eating of breakfast [‡]	52	47	45	25	A4.1
Bedtime (at 12 am or later)	27	29	39	46	A4.2
Learning from Home					
Average days worked on schoolwork (≥ 5) ^{¶δ}	48		9		A5.1
Synchronous instruction (4 days or more) ^{¶δ}	73		9		A5.1
Interest in schoolwork done from home ^{δ}	36		60		A5.3
Meaningful opportunities ^{‡δ}	32		60		A5.2
Social and Emotional Health					
Social emotional distress [‡]	33	34	36	39	A7.5
Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness [§]	43	42	46	50	A7.1
Considered suicide [§]	22	18	20	29	A7.2
Optimism [‡]	42	41	39	29	A7.3
Life satisfaction [‡]	54	55	52	52	A7.4

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

[‡]Today.

^{δ} Remote only.

[¶]Past 7 days.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

[§]Past 12 months.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied.”

3. Demographics

Table A3.1

School Schedule, Past 30 Days

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
In-School Model	95	99	98	71
Remote Learning Model	5	1	2	29

Question HS/MS A.1: Which of the following best describes your school schedule during the past 30 days?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

In-School Model - Respondents selecting “I went to school in person at my school building for the entire day, Monday through Friday.”

Remote Learning Model - Respondents selecting “I participated in school from home for the entire day on most or all weekdays and did not go to school in person.”

Table A3.2

Gender of Sample

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Male	52	55	50	61
Female	42	42	46	39
Nonbinary	3	1	2	0
Something else	3	2	2	0

Question HS/MS A.3: What is your gender?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.3***Sexual Orientation***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Straight (not gay)	67	72	69	83
Lesbian or Gay	2	3	4	0
Bisexual	12	12	13	10
Something else	6	3	4	0
Not sure	7	6	5	3
Decline to respond	6	4	4	3

Question HS/MS A.5: Which of the following best describes you?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.4***Gender Identity***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
No, I am not transgender	85	91	93	100
Yes, I am transgender	2	2	2	0
I am not sure if I am transgender	5	3	1	0
Decline to respond	8	5	4	0

Question HS/MS A.4: Some people describe themselves as transgender when how they think or feel about their gender is different from the sex they were assigned at birth. Are you transgender?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.5***Race or Ethnicity***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	1	1	0	0
Asian or Asian American, non-Hispanic	12	17	19	0
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	16	16	17	23
Hispanic or Latinx	48	48	44	52
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	1	0	2	0
White, non-Hispanic	4	2	3	6
Multiracial, non-Hispanic	13	11	13	19
Something else, non-Hispanic	5	5	1	0

Question HS/MS A.6: What is your race or ethnicity? (Mark All That Apply)... American Indian or Alaska Native... Asian or Asian American... Black or African American... Hispanic or Latinx... Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander... White... Something else.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.6***Living Situation***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
A home with one or more parent or guardian	86	88	93	86
Other relative's home	2	3	1	0
A home with more than one family	10	7	4	3
Friend's home	0	0	0	3
Foster home, group care, or waiting placement	0	0	0	0
Hotel or motel	0	0	0	0
Shelter, car, campground, or other transitional or temporary housing	0	0	0	0
Other living arrangement	2	2	1	7

Question HS/MS A.9: What best describes where you live? A home includes a house, apartment, trailer, or mobile home.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.7***Highest Education of Parents***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Did not finish high school	10	17	23	30
Graduated from high school	19	23	24	30
Attended college but did not complete four-year degree	8	11	11	22
Graduated from college	23	24	24	4
Don't know	40	24	19	15

Question HS/MS A.10: What is the highest level of education your parents or guardians completed? (Mark the educational level of the parent or guardian who went the furthest in school.)

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.8***Language Spoken at Home***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
English	54	57	58	71
Spanish	36	31	30	21
Mandarin	0	0	0	4
Cantonese	0	0	0	0
Taiwanese	0	0	0	0
Tagalog	6	9	9	0
Vietnamese	1	1	0	0
Korean	0	0	0	0
Arabic	0	1	0	4
Other	2	1	2	0

Question HS/MS A.14: What language is spoken most of the time in your home?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.9***English Language Proficiency Among Students Speaking a Language Other Than English at Home***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
<i>How well do you...</i>				
<i>understand English?</i>				
Very well	76	76	79	
Well	20	20	18	
Not well	3	3	3	
Not at all	1	2	1	
<i>speak English?</i>				
Very well	54	64	71	
Well	38	28	25	
Not well	6	5	2	
Not at all	1	2	2	
<i>read English?</i>				
Very well	55	64	70	
Well	36	24	25	
Not well	7	8	3	
Not at all	3	3	2	
<i>write English?</i>				
Very well	49	54	62	
Well	37	34	31	
Not well	11	11	4	
Not at all	3	2	3	
<i>English Language Proficiency Status</i>				
Proficient	49	60	65	
Not proficient	51	40	35	

Question HS/MS A.14, 14A-14D: What language is spoken most of the time in your home?... How well do you understand, speak, read, and write English?... Understand English... Speak English... Read English... Write English.

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

English Language Proficiency was determined by creating a scale score using four survey questions: how well do you understand... speak... read... and write English? Response options are reverse coded so higher values indicate higher English proficiency level (“Not at all” (1); “Not well” (2); “Well” (3); and “Very well” (4)). The scale score was computed by averaging the survey responses. Respondents are categorized as “Proficient” or “Not Proficient” based on the English language proficiency scale.

Proficient: students with average item response > 3.5; and

Not Proficient: students with average item response ≤ 3.5.

Table A3.10***Number of Days Attending Afterschool Program (In-School Only)***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
I do not attend my school's afterschool program	78	88	91	95
1 day	3	3	0	0
2 days	4	1	2	0
3 days	4	1	2	5
4 days	2	3	2	0
5 days	9	4	3	0

Question HS/MS A.21: How many days a week do you usually go to your school's afterschool program?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.11***Military Connections***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
No	90	95	95	93
Yes	4	0	2	0
Don't know	6	5	3	7

Question HS/MS A.11: Is your father, mother, or guardian currently in the military (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, National Guard, or Reserves)?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

4. Routines

Table A4.1

Eating of Breakfast

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
No	48	53	55	75
Yes	52	47	45	25

Question HS/MS A.16: Did you eat breakfast today?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A4.2

Bedtime

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Before 7:00 pm	0	1	1	0
7:00-7:59 pm	1	1	0	0
8:00-8:59 pm	5	3	3	7
9:00-9:59 pm	16	12	6	0
10:00-10:59 pm	27	27	20	18
11:00-11:59 pm	23	27	31	29
12:00-12:59 am	12	19	23	18
After 1:00 am	15	10	16	29
<i>Bedtime at 12 am or later</i>	27	29	39	46

Question HS/MS A.15: What time did you go to bed last night?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

5. Learning from Home

Table A5.1

Remote Learning Schedule and Instructional Time (Remote Only)

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Time spent on learning and completing schoolwork from home on the average weekday				
Less than 1 hour	21		27	
Between 1 and 2 hours	21		45	
Between 2 and 3 hours	33		0	
Between 3 and 4 hours	21		0	
Between 4 and 5 hours	4		9	
More than 5 hours	0		18	
Number of days in the past week participating in an online class from home where your teacher talked to students				
0 days	18		82	
1 day	0		0	
2 days	0		9	
3 days	9		0	
4 days	5		0	
5 days	68		9	
Number of weekdays participating in school from home for the entire school day				
0 days	9		45	
1 day	22		9	
2 days	4		9	
3 days	9		18	
4 days	9		9	
5 days	48		9	

Question HS/MS A.22, 24, 25: In the past 30 days, how many weekdays in an average week did you participate in school from home for an entire school day? On the average weekday, how much of your day did you spend learning and completing schoolwork from home?... How many days in the past week did you participate in an online class from home where your teacher talked to students from a computer, phone, or tablet (iPad)?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A5.2***Interesting Activities Provided for Student in Remote Learning (Remote Only)***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Not at all true	14		30	
A little true	55		10	
Pretty much true	14		40	
Very much true	18		20	

Question HS/MS A.53: There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who provides me with interesting activities to do while I am participating in school from home.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A5.3***Interest in Schoolwork Done from Home (Remote Only)***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Strongly disagree	36		30	
Disagree	0		10	
Neither disagree nor agree	27		0	
Agree	23		30	
Strongly agree	14		30	

Question HS/MS A.44: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... I am interested in the schoolwork I do when participating in school from home.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

6. School Performance, Engagement, and Supports

Table A6.1

Grades, Past 12 Months

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Mostly A's	11	12	15	4
A's and B's	27	24	23	15
Mostly B's	7	7	5	8
B's and C's	26	24	18	31
Mostly C's	7	8	9	8
C's and D's	13	15	17	19
Mostly D's	4	6	7	0
Mostly F's	6	6	7	15

Question HS/MS A.27: During the past 12 months, how would you describe the grades you mostly received in school?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.2

Absences, Past 30 Days

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
I did not miss any days of school in the past 30 days	36	35	39	31
1 day	19	22	16	15
2 days	17	19	20	19
3 or more days	27	25	24	35

Question HS/MS A.17, 26: In the past 30 days, how often did you miss an entire day of school for any reason? [In-school only]. In the past 30 days, how often did you miss an entire day of remote learning classes for any reason? [Remote only]

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.3***Reasons for Absence, Past 30 Days***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Does not apply; I didn't miss any school	35	36	35	23
Illness (feeling physically sick), including problems with breathing or your teeth	35	43	43	54
Were being bullied or mistreated at school <i>(In-School Only)</i>	2	1	1	0
Felt very sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed, or angry	10	12	16	23
Didn't get enough sleep	14	15	16	31
Didn't feel safe at school or going to and from school <i>(In-School Only)</i>	3	1	3	0
Had to take care of or help a family member or friend	12	9	9	27
Wanted to spend time with friends	3	0	1	8
Used alcohol or drugs	0	0	1	4
Were behind in schoolwork or weren't prepared for a test or class assignment	3	3	8	19
Were bored or uninterested in school	4	8	8	27
Had no transportation to school <i>(In-School Only)</i>	5	7	6	16
Other reason	27	18	17	23

Question HS/MS A.28, 30: In the past 30 days, did you miss a day of school for any of the following reasons? (Mark All That Apply.) [In-school only]... In the past 30 days, did you miss a day of school from home for any of the following reasons? (Mark All That Apply.) [Remote only]

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Total percentages may exceed 100% for "mark all that apply" items.

Table A6.4***School Environment, School Connectedness, Academic Motivation, and Promotion of Parental Involvement Scales***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %	Table
Total school supports	43	40	42	36	
Caring adults in school [‡]	49	43	49	43	A6.5
High expectations-adults in school [‡]	61	60	62	52	A6.6
Meaningful participation at school [‡]	19	17	16	12	A6.7
School connectedness ^{†#} <i>(In-School Only)</i>	39	40	33	31	A6.8
School connectedness ^{†ψ} <i>(Remote Only)</i>	43		23		A6.8
Academic motivation [†]	57	56	52	54	A6.9
Promotion of parental involvement in school [†]	36	29	18	29	A6.12

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[‡]*Scales are based on average of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”*

[†]*Scales are based on average of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

[#]*The scale was based on five survey questions for in-school respondents.*

^ψ*The scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.*

Table numbers refer to tables with item-level results for the survey questions that comprise each scale.

Table A6.5***Caring Relationships Scale Questions***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Caring adults in school				
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	49	43	49	43
<i>There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who really cares about me.</i>				
Not at all true	21	20	13	24
A little true	34	42	38	44
Pretty much true	30	26	31	16
Very much true	15	12	19	16
<i>who notices when I’m not there.</i>				
Not at all true	19	21	19	28
A little true	28	34	31	20
Pretty much true	33	29	28	28
Very much true	20	15	22	24
<i>who listens to me when I have something to say.</i>				
Not at all true	22	18	18	32
A little true	30	34	34	24
Pretty much true	30	34	27	20
Very much true	18	14	21	24

Question HS/MS A.51, 54, 57: There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who really cares about me... who notices when I’m not there... who listens to me when I have something to say.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.6***High Expectations Scale Questions***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
High expectations-adults in school				
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	61	60	62	52
<i>There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who tells me when I do a good job.</i>				
Not at all true	12	11	15	28
A little true	30	33	32	24
Pretty much true	36	38	33	24
Very much true	22	17	20	24
<i>who always wants me to do my best.</i>				
Not at all true	9	8	9	12
A little true	20	23	21	28
Pretty much true	31	37	37	28
Very much true	41	31	33	32
<i>who believes that I will be a success.</i>				
Not at all true	13	12	13	24
A little true	32	32	26	28
Pretty much true	27	31	33	32
Very much true	28	26	29	16

Question HS/MS A.52, 55, 58: There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who tells me when I do a good job... who always wants me to do my best... who believes that I will be a success.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.7

Meaningful Participation Scale Questions

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Meaningful participation at school				
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	19	17	16	12
<i>At school/When I participate in school,...</i>				
I do interesting activities.				
Not at all true	20	24	30	44
A little true	42	44	40	36
Pretty much true	27	21	20	12
Very much true	11	11	10	8
I help decide things like class activities or rules.				
Not at all true	61	63	59	80
A little true	26	22	28	12
Pretty much true	9	11	9	4
Very much true	4	4	4	4
I do things that make a difference.				
Not at all true	47	53	51	58
A little true	35	31	33	25
Pretty much true	13	12	11	13
Very much true	5	4	4	4
I have a say in how things work.				
Not at all true	54	59	62	72
A little true	27	28	25	16
Pretty much true	13	10	10	4
Very much true	6	3	3	8
I help decide school activities or rules.				
Not at all true	75	81	75	80
A little true	16	12	18	16
Pretty much true	5	4	6	0
Very much true	4	3	2	4

Question HS/MS A.59-68: At school [In-School only],... When I participate in school [Remote only],... I do interesting activities... I help decide things like class activities or rules... I do things that make a difference... I have a say in how things work... I help decide school activities or rules.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.8***School Connectedness Scale Questions***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
School connectedness[#] (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
<i>Average reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree”</i>	39	40	33	31
School connectedness^ψ (<i>Remote Only</i>)				
<i>Average reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree”</i>	43		23	
I feel close to people at/from this school.				
Strongly disagree	8	6	12	20
Disagree	8	10	12	12
Neither disagree nor agree	32	27	31	36
Agree	40	44	35	28
Strongly agree	12	13	10	4
I am happy with/to be at this school.				
Strongly disagree	9	8	14	24
Disagree	13	15	18	8
Neither disagree nor agree	42	39	38	28
Agree	27	30	25	32
Strongly agree	9	9	5	8
I feel like I am part of this school.				
Strongly disagree	13	12	14	24
Disagree	14	14	18	12
Neither disagree nor agree	36	42	41	36
Agree	29	27	24	24
Strongly agree	6	5	3	4

Question HS/MS A.31-38: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... I feel close to people at this school. [In-School only]... I feel close to people from this school. [Remote only]... I am happy to be at this school. [In-School only]... I am happy with this school. [Remote only]... I feel like I am part of this school.... The teachers at this school treat students fairly. [In-School only]... The teachers treat students fairly. [Remote only]... I feel safe in my school. [In-School only]

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[#]The scale was based on five survey questions for in-school respondents.

^ψThe scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.

Table A6.8***School Connectedness Scale Questions – Continued***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
The teachers at this school treat students fairly/The teachers treat students fairly.				
Strongly disagree	12	5	8	8
Disagree	17	13	14	8
Neither disagree nor agree	34	45	41	24
Agree	28	32	31	56
Strongly agree	9	5	6	4
I feel safe in my school. (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
Strongly disagree	12	7	10	22
Disagree	14	13	12	11
Neither disagree nor agree	40	43	50	39
Agree	26	32	25	28
Strongly agree	7	5	3	0

Question HS/MS A.36-38 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... The teachers at this school treat students fairly. [In-School only]... The teachers treat students fairly. [Remote only]...I feel safe in my school. [In-School only]

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.9**Academic Motivation Scale Questions**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Academic motivation				
<i>Average reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree”</i>	57	56	52	54
I try hard to make sure that I am good at my schoolwork.				
Strongly disagree	4	2	3	0
Disagree	3	6	6	4
Neither disagree nor agree	23	25	25	24
Agree	45	45	47	52
Strongly agree	25	22	18	20
I try hard on my schoolwork because I am interested in it.				
Strongly disagree	11	10	9	12
Disagree	18	23	22	32
Neither disagree nor agree	42	39	40	28
Agree	22	19	23	28
Strongly agree	7	8	7	0
I work hard to try to understand new things when doing my schoolwork.				
Strongly disagree	6	4	5	8
Disagree	8	12	11	12
Neither disagree nor agree	28	25	34	28
Agree	42	47	40	52
Strongly agree	15	11	10	0
I am always trying to do better in my schoolwork.				
Strongly disagree	4	3	3	4
Disagree	4	7	5	4
Neither disagree nor agree	21	18	29	28
Agree	42	49	46	44
Strongly agree	29	22	16	20

Question HS/MS A.45-48: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... I try hard to make sure that I am good at my schoolwork... I try hard on my schoolwork because I am interested in it... I work hard to try to understand new things when doing my schoolwork... I am always trying to do better in my schoolwork.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.10***Maintaining Focus on Schoolwork***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
It is hard for me to stay focused when doing my schoolwork.				
Strongly disagree	8	5	7	0
Disagree	19	21	18	28
Neither disagree nor agree	26	27	28	24
Agree	26	30	28	32
Strongly agree	21	16	20	16

Question HS/MS A.43: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... It is hard for me to stay focused when doing my schoolwork.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.11
School Boredom

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
School is really boring.				
0 (Strongly disagree)	6	3	3	8
1	1	1	1	0
2	3	3	4	4
3	6	5	5	4
4	8	8	6	8
5	20	17	13	12
6	10	12	10	8
7	13	14	15	8
8	10	12	12	0
9	4	5	6	4
10 (Strongly agree)	19	20	23	44
School is worthless and a waste of time.				
0 (Strongly disagree)	28	24	20	24
1	8	9	8	4
2	13	11	10	16
3	10	10	12	8
4	9	12	12	8
5	13	13	16	4
6	5	6	4	4
7	4	4	4	12
8	3	3	3	0
9	2	1	3	0
10 (Strongly agree)	6	8	8	20

Question HS/MS A.49, 50: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... School is really boring... School is worthless and a waste of time.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.12***Promotion of Parental Involvement Scale Questions***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Promotion of parental involvement in school				
<i>Average reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree”</i>	36	29	18	29
Teachers at this school communicate with parents about what students are expected to learn in class.				
Strongly disagree	7	8	13	16
Disagree	15	17	24	8
Neither disagree nor agree	34	44	41	40
Agree	35	27	18	32
Strongly agree	9	5	4	4
Parents feel welcome to participate at this school.				
Strongly disagree	7	5	9	8
Disagree	11	12	17	8
Neither disagree nor agree	54	58	60	64
Agree	23	23	12	20
Strongly agree	5	2	2	0
School staff take parent concerns seriously.				
Strongly disagree	9	7	16	12
Disagree	13	14	16	4
Neither disagree nor agree	42	49	51	52
Agree	27	26	15	32
Strongly agree	10	4	3	0

Question HS/MS A.40-42: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... Teachers at this school communicate with parents about what students are expected to learn in class... Parents feel welcome to participate at this school... School staff take parent concerns seriously.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.13**Checking Student Progress**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
A teacher or some other adult from my school checks on how I am feeling.				
Not at all true	32	33	30	44
A little true	33	36	31	28
Pretty much true	20	20	22	16
Very much true	15	12	17	12

*Question HS/MS A.56: There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who checks on how I am feeling.
Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.*

Table A6.14**Quality of School Physical Environment (In-School Only)**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
My school is usually clean and tidy.				
Strongly disagree	25	25	30	17
Disagree	28	31	35	17
Neither disagree nor agree	32	31	23	44
Agree	14	12	11	17
Strongly agree	2	1	2	6

*Question HS/MS A.39: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... My school is usually clean and tidy.
Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.*

7. Social and Emotional Health

Table A7.1

Chronic Sad or Hopeless Feelings, Past 12 Months

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
No	57	58	54	50
Yes	43	42	46	50

Question HS A.157/MS A.150: During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that you stopped doing some usual activities?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.2

Seriously Considered Attempting Suicide, Past 12 Months

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
No	78	82	80	71
Yes	22	18	20	29

Question HS A.158/MS A.151: During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.3***Optimism Scale Questions***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Optimism				
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	42	41	39	29
Each day I look forward to having a lot of fun.				
Not at all true	21	21	24	38
A little true	36	39	40	38
Pretty much true	25	25	25	8
Very much true	18	16	11	17
I usually expect to have a good day.				
Not at all true	26	19	24	29
A little true	34	40	36	42
Pretty much true	23	28	29	17
Very much true	16	13	11	13
Overall, I expect more good things to happen to me than bad things.				
Not at all true	28	23	27	38
A little true	29	34	31	29
Pretty much true	22	27	24	21
Very much true	20	16	18	13

Question HS A.164-166/MS A.157-159: Please tell us how true each statement is of you... Each day I look forward to having a lot of fun... I usually expect to have a good day... Overall, I expect more good things to happen to me than bad things.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.4***Life Satisfaction Scale Questions***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Life satisfaction				
<i>Average reporting “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied”</i>	54	55	52	52
<i>I would describe my satisfaction with...</i>				
my family life as...				
Very dissatisfied	6	3	4	8
Dissatisfied	8	7	6	4
A little dissatisfied	9	9	10	8
A little satisfied	13	17	18	13
Satisfied	31	35	36	42
Very satisfied	34	28	26	25
my friendships as...				
Very dissatisfied	4	2	4	13
Dissatisfied	4	4	3	0
A little dissatisfied	6	8	7	13
A little satisfied	18	17	19	8
Satisfied	39	42	39	50
Very satisfied	29	27	28	17
my school experience as...				
Very dissatisfied	13	8	12	21
Dissatisfied	11	11	13	0
A little dissatisfied	22	23	20	29
A little satisfied	27	29	32	25
Satisfied	19	23	17	25
Very satisfied	7	6	6	0

Question HS A.167-169/MS A.160-162: Please describe your level of satisfaction below. I would describe my satisfaction with... my family life as... my friendships as... my school experience as...

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.4***Life Satisfaction Scale Questions – Continued***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
<i>I would describe my satisfaction with...</i>				
myself as...				
Very dissatisfied	15	9	13	29
Dissatisfied	11	11	11	0
A little dissatisfied	14	15	13	21
A little satisfied	18	20	20	4
Satisfied	23	27	26	25
Very satisfied	20	18	17	21
where I live as...				
Very dissatisfied	5	4	6	8
Dissatisfied	6	4	4	8
A little dissatisfied	7	9	10	13
A little satisfied	15	17	15	17
Satisfied	35	42	42	33
Very satisfied	32	25	24	21

Question HS A.170, 171/MS A.163, 164: Please describe your level of satisfaction below. I would describe my satisfaction with... myself as... where I live as...

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.5***Social Emotional Distress Scale Questions***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Social emotional distress				
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	33	34	36	39
I had a hard time relaxing.				
Not at all true	35	30	31	29
A little true	34	36	31	33
Pretty much true	15	19	20	17
Very much true	16	15	18	21
I felt sad and down.				
Not at all true	38	36	33	38
A little true	27	26	28	17
Pretty much true	18	19	20	21
Very much true	18	19	20	25
I was easily irritated.				
Not at all true	30	30	27	29
A little true	21	26	25	8
Pretty much true	19	17	22	21
Very much true	29	27	25	42
It was hard for me to cope and I thought I would panic.				
Not at all true	60	52	54	54
A little true	17	22	19	21
Pretty much true	10	12	12	8
Very much true	13	14	15	17
It was hard for me to get excited about anything.				
Not at all true	52	49	46	50
A little true	23	26	26	25
Pretty much true	12	11	16	8
Very much true	13	15	13	17

Question HS A.159-163/MS A.152-156: Over the past 30 days, how true do you feel these statements are about you?... I had a hard time relaxing... I felt sad and down... I was easily irritated... It was hard for me to cope and I thought I would panic... It was hard for me to get excited about anything.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

8. School Violence, Victimization, and Safety

Table A8.1

Perceived Safety at School (In-School Only)

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Very safe	5	5	7	17
Safe	29	33	26	17
Neither safe nor unsafe	52	52	56	56
Unsafe	9	8	6	6
Very unsafe	5	2	5	6

Question HS A.121/MS A.114: How safe do you feel when you are at school?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.2**Reasons for Harassment, Past 12 Months**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Race, ethnicity, or national origin				
0 times	74	85	89	100
1 time	11	8	4	0
2 or more times	15	8	8	0
Religion				
0 times	91	95	96	100
1 time	6	3	1	0
2 or more times	3	2	2	0
Gender				
0 times	87	93	92	100
1 time	6	4	2	0
2 or more times	8	3	6	0
Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were				
0 times	83	91	92	96
1 time	6	4	2	4
2 or more times	11	5	6	0
A physical or mental disability				
0 times	93	95	96	100
1 time	3	3	1	0
2 or more times	4	2	3	0
Any of the above five reasons	38	23	18	4

Question HS A.141-145, 148-152/MS A.134-138, 141-145: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property were you harassed or bullied for any of the following reasons?... Your race, ethnicity, or national origin [In-school only]... Your religion [In-school only]... Your gender [In-school only]... Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were [In-school only]... A physical or mental disability [In-school only]... During the past 12 months, how many times did students from your school harass you or bully you for any of the following reasons?... Your race, ethnicity, or national origin [Remote only]... Your religion [Remote only]... Your gender [Remote only]... Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were [Remote only]... A physical or mental disability. [Remote only]

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.2**Reasons for Harassment on School Property, Past 12 Months – Continued**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
You are an immigrant or someone thought you were				
0 times	92	94	94	100
1 time	3	4	3	0
2 or more times	5	2	3	0
Any other reason				
0 times	75	87	90	96
1 time	8	5	2	4
2 or more times	17	8	9	0
Any harassment	45	28	22	8

Question HS A.141-154/MS A.134-147: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property were you harassed or bullied for any of the following reasons?... Your race, ethnicity, or national origin [In-school only]... Your religion [In-school only]... Your gender [In-school only]... Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were [In-school only]... A physical or mental disability [In-school only]... You are an immigrant or someone thought you were [In-school only]... Any other reason [In-school only]... During the past 12 months, how many times did students from your school harass you or bully you for any of the following reasons?... Your race, ethnicity, or national origin [Remote only]... Your religion [Remote only]... Your gender [Remote only]... Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were [Remote only]... A physical or mental disability [Remote only]... You are an immigrant or someone thought you were [Remote only]... Any other reason. [Remote only]

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.3***School Violence Victimization Scale Questions***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
School violence victimization (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
Average reporting “1 or more times”	37	23	19	10
<i>During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...</i>				
been pushed, shoved, slapped, hit, or kicked by someone who wasn’t just kidding around? (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
0 times	59	84	89	94
1 time	16	7	5	6
2 to 3 times	11	5	3	0
4 or more times	15	4	2	0
been afraid of being beaten up? (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
0 times	70	79	89	100
1 time	16	14	6	0
2 to 3 times	6	4	3	0
4 or more times	8	3	2	0
<i>During the past 12 months, how many times have you...</i>				
had mean rumors or lies spread about you?				
0 times	63	73	75	88
1 time	15	12	9	8
2 to 3 times	11	8	10	0
4 or more times	11	6	6	4
had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made to you?				
0 times	61	72	74	88
1 time	11	10	7	8
2 to 3 times	12	7	7	4
4 or more times	17	11	11	0

Question HS A.122, 123, 125, 126, 133, 137, 138/MS A.115, 116, 118, 119, 130, 131: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you... been pushed, shoved, slapped, hit, or kicked by someone who wasn’t just kidding around? [In-school only]... been afraid of being beaten up? [In-school only]... had mean rumors or lies spread about you? [In-school only]... had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made to you? [In-school only]... During the past 12 months, how many times did students from your school... spread mean rumors or lies spread about you? [Remote only]... make sexual jokes, comments, or gestures toward you? [Remote only]
Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.3

School Violence Victimization Scale Questions – Continued

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
<i>During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...</i>				
had your property stolen or deliberately damaged?				
<i>(In-School Only)</i>				
0 times	76	84	88	100
1 time	14	11	7	0
2 to 3 times	5	3	2	0
4 or more times	5	2	3	0
been made fun of because of your looks or the way you talk?				
0 times	56	71	76	88
1 time	15	10	8	8
2 to 3 times	8	10	8	0
4 or more times	21	10	9	4
been made fun of, insulted, or called names?				
0 times	57	73	81	83
1 time	11	10	6	8
2 to 3 times	10	6	6	8
4 or more times	22	10	8	0
During the past 12 months, how many times did other students spread mean rumors or lies, or hurtful pictures, about you online, on social media, or on a cell phone?				
0 times (never)	66	78	78	88
1 time	12	10	10	4
2 to 3 times	11	6	7	4
4 or more times	11	6	6	4

Question HS A.127, 128, 136, 139, 140, 155/MS A.120, 121, 129, 132, 133, 148: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you... been made fun of because of your looks or the way you talk? [In-school only]... had your property stolen or deliberately damaged, such as your car, clothing, or books? [In-school only]... been made fun of, insulted, or called names? [In-school only]... During the past 12 months, how many times did students from your school... make fun of you because of your looks or the way you talk? [Remote only]...make fun of you, insult you, or call you names? [Remote only]... During the past 12 months, how many times did other students spread mean rumors or lies, or hurtful pictures, about you online, on social media, or on a cell phone?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.4

School Violence Perpetration Scale Questions (In-School Only)

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
School violence perpetration				
<i>Average reporting “1 or more times”</i>	11	9	8	9
<i>During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...</i>				
been in a physical fight?				
0 times	77	91	93	76
1 time	12	5	3	24
2 to 3 times	5	3	2	0
4 or more times	5	1	2	0
been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug?				
0 times	82	79	80	82
1 time	8	10	8	12
2 to 3 times	5	5	4	6
4 or more times	5	5	8	0
damaged school property on purpose?				
0 times	93	93	95	94
1 time	3	4	2	6
2 to 3 times	1	2	2	0
4 or more times	2	1	1	0
carried a gun?				
0 times	98	98	98	100
1 time	1	1	1	0
2 to 3 times	0	1	0	0
4 or more times	1	1	1	0
carried any other weapon (such as a knife or club)?				
0 times	95	96	96	100
1 time	3	2	2	0
2 to 3 times	1	1	1	0
4 or more times	1	2	2	0

Question HS A.124, 129-132/MS A.117, 122-125: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you... been in a physical fight?... been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug?... damaged school property on purpose?... carried a gun?... carried any other weapon (such as a knife or club)?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.5***Threats and Injuries with Weapons at School, Past 12 Months (In-School Only)***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
<i>During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...</i>				
been threatened with harm or injury?				
0 times	85	92	93	94
1 time	7	4	3	6
2 to 3 times	3	2	2	0
4 or more times	4	3	1	0
been threatened or injured with a weapon (gun, knife, club, etc.)?				
0 times	91	95	95	94
1 time	6	4	3	6
2 to 3 times	2	1	0	0
4 or more times	1	0	2	0

Question HS A.133, 135/MS A.126, 128: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you... been threatened or injured with a weapon (gun, knife, club, etc.)?... been threatened with harm or injury?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.6***Weapons Possession on School Property, Past 12 Months (In-School Only)***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
<i>During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...</i>				
seen someone carrying a gun, knife, or other weapon?				
0 times	78	80	82	82
1 time	14	11	9	12
2 to 3 times	4	5	4	0
4 or more times	4	4	5	6

Question HS A.134/MS A.127: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you... seen someone carrying a gun, knife, or other weapon?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

9. Alcohol and Other Drug Use

Table A9.1

Summary Measures of Level of AOD Use and Perceptions

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %	Table
Lifetime illicit AOD use to get “high” [^]	17	29	40	44	A9.2
Lifetime alcohol or drug use	17	30	41	44	A9.2
Lifetime marijuana use	8	15	28	44	A9.2
Lifetime very drunk or high (7 or more times)	1	4	12	28	A9.7
Current alcohol or drug use [¶]	7	13	19	32	A9.5
Current marijuana use [¶]	4	8	12	32	A9.5
Current heavy drug use [¶]	2	4	8	32	A9.5
Current heavy alcohol use (binge drinking) [¶]	1	4	4	4	A9.5
Current alcohol or drug use on school property ^{¶Φ}	4	8	8	28	A9.8
Harmfulness of occasional marijuana use ^{BΦ}	30	30	28	24	A9.11
Difficulty of obtaining marijuana ^{CΦ}	13	8	6	16	A9.12

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[^]*Excludes prescription pain medication.*

[¶]*Past 30 days.*

^Φ*In-School only.*

^B*Great harm.*

^C*Very difficult.*

Table A9.2**Summary of AOD Lifetime Use**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Alcohol	9	19	30	28
Marijuana	8	15	28	44
Inhalants	5	4	3	4
Cocaine, methamphetamine, or any amphetamines	na	2	1	4
Ecstasy, LSD, or other psychedelics	na	2	4	8
Prescription pain medication (opioids)	na	6	5	4
Cold/cough medicines or other over-the-counter medicines to get “high”	na	7	7	8
Any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high”	3	2	4	4
Any of the above AOD use	17	30	41	44
Any illicit AOD use to get “high”[^]	17	29	40	44

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[^]Excludes prescription pain medication, tranquilizers or sedatives, diet pills, and prescription stimulant.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

Table A9.3***Lifetime AOD Use***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Alcohol (one full drink)				
0 times	91	81	70	72
1 time	6	6	8	12
2 to 3 times	2	6	7	4
4 or more times	2	8	15	12
Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)				
0 times	92	85	72	56
1 time	3	4	5	0
2 to 3 times	2	5	6	16
4 or more times	3	7	17	28
Inhalants				
0 times	95	96	97	96
1 time	2	2	1	0
2 to 3 times	1	1	1	0
4 or more times	2	2	1	4
Cocaine, methamphetamine, or any amphetamines				
0 times	na	98	99	96
1 time	na	1	0	0
2 to 3 times	na	1	1	0
4 or more times	na	0	1	4
Ecstasy, LSD, or other psychedelics				
0 times	na	98	96	92
1 time	na	2	1	8
2 to 3 times	na	1	2	0
4 or more times	na	0	2	0
Prescription pain medication				
0 times	na	94	95	96
1 time	na	1	1	4
2 to 3 times	na	3	2	0
4 or more times	na	3	3	0

Question HS A.72-75, 77, 78/MS A.73-75: During your life, how many times have you used the following? One full drink of alcohol (such as a can of beer, glass of wine, wine cooler, or shot of liquor)... Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)... Inhalants (things you sniff, huff, or breathe to get “high” such as glue, paint, aerosol sprays, gasoline, poppers, gases)... Cocaine, methamphetamine, or any amphetamines (meth, speed, crystal, crank, ice)... Ecstasy, LSD, or other psychedelics (acid, mescaline, peyote, mushrooms)... Prescription pain medication (Vicodin, OxyContin, Percodan, Fentanyl).

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

Table A9.3***Lifetime AOD Use – Continued***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Cold/cough medicines or other over-the-counter medicines to get “high”				
0 times	na	93	93	92
1 time	na	2	1	8
2 to 3 times	na	1	1	0
4 or more times	na	4	4	0
Any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical				
0 times	97	98	96	96
1 time	1	1	1	4
2 to 3 times	1	1	1	0
4 or more times	1	1	2	0

Question HS A.79, 80/MS A.77: During your life, how many times have you used the following?... Cold/cough medicines or other over-the-counter medicines to get “high...” Any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical.

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

Table A9.4**Methods of Marijuana Consumption**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
During your life, how many times have you used marijuana in any of the following ways...				
Smoke it?				
0 times	95	88	79	56
1 time	1	4	3	0
2 to 3 times	2	4	4	12
4 or more times	2	5	14	32
In a vaping device?				
0 times	95	90	81	64
1 time	1	2	3	0
2 to 3 times	1	3	3	4
4 or more times	3	5	13	32
Eat or drink it in products made with marijuana?				
0 times	97	91	79	58
1 time	1	3	4	4
2 to 3 times	1	2	6	13
4 or more times	1	4	10	25

Question HS A.84-86/MS A.81-83: During your life, how many times have you used marijuana in any of the following ways... Smoke it?... In a vaping device (vape pens, mods, portable vaporizers)?... Eat or drink it in products made with marijuana?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.5***Current AOD Use, Past 30 Days***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Alcohol (one or more drinks of alcohol)	3	6	12	12
Binge drinking (5 or more drinks in a row)	1	4	4	4
Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)	4	8	12	32
Inhalants	2	2	1	4
Prescription drugs to get “high” or for reasons other than prescribed	na	1	1	0
Other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical	2	1	1	0
<i>Any drug use</i>	5	9	13	32
<i>Heavy drug use</i>	2	4	8	32
<i>Any AOD Use</i>	7	13	19	32
Two or more substances at the same time	na	2	3	4

Question HS A.90-96/MS A.87-91: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use... one or more drinks of alcohol?... five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?... marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)?... inhalants (things you sniff, huff, or breathe to get “high”)?... prescription drugs to get “high” or for reasons other than prescribed?... any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical?... two or more substances at the same time (for example, alcohol with marijuana, ecstasy with mushrooms)?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Heavy drug use was calculated based on pattern of combined current drug use on three or more days (marijuana, inhalants, prescription pain medicine to get “high” (high school only), or any other illegal drug/pill to get “high”). na—Not asked of middle school students.

Table A9.6***Frequency of Current AOD Use, Past 30 Days***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Alcohol (one or more drinks)				
0 days	97	94	88	88
1 or 2 days	2	4	8	8
3 to 9 days	1	1	3	4
10 to 19 days	0	0	1	0
20 to 30 days	0	0	0	0
Binge drinking (5 or more drinks in a row)				
0 days	99	96	96	96
1 or 2 days	1	3	2	4
3 to 9 days	0	1	2	0
10 to 19 days	0	1	0	0
20 to 30 days	0	0	0	0
Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)				
0 days	96	92	88	68
1 or 2 days	2	4	5	0
3 to 9 days	1	2	2	8
10 to 19 days	0	1	2	8
20 to 30 days	0	1	4	16

Question HS A.90-92/MS A.87-89: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use... one or more drinks of alcohol?... five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?... marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.7***Lifetime Drunk or “High”***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Very drunk or sick after drinking alcohol				
0 times	99	91	87	80
1 to 2 times	1	6	8	16
3 to 6 times	0	2	3	0
7 or more times	0	1	2	4
“High” (loaded, stoned, or wasted) from using drugs				
0 times	95	88	77	56
1 to 2 times	3	5	7	12
3 to 6 times	1	4	5	4
7 or more times	1	4	11	28
<i>Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times</i>	1	4	12	28

Question HS A.81, 82/MS A.78, 79: During your life, how many times have you been... very drunk or sick after drinking alcohol?... “high” (loaded, stoned, or wasted) from using drugs?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.8***Current AOD Use on School Property, Past 30 Days (In-School Only)***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Alcohol				
0 days	99	96	97	100
1 to 2 days	1	3	1	0
3 or more days	0	1	1	0
Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)				
0 days	97	94	93	72
1 to 2 days	1	2	2	11
3 or more days	2	3	4	17
Any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical				
0 days	99	98	99	100
1 to 2 days	0	1	0	0
3 or more days	1	1	1	0
<i>Any of the above</i>	4	8	8	28

Question HS A.100-102/MS A.95-97: During the past 30 days, on how many days on school property did you... have at least one drink of alcohol?... use marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)?... use any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.9***Lifetime Drunk or “High” on School Property***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
0 times	98	93	89	80
1 to 2 times	2	4	3	12
3 to 6 times	1	1	4	0
7 or more times	0	2	4	8

Question HS A.83/MS A.80: During your life, how many times have you been... drunk on alcohol or “high” on drugs on school property?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.10
Cessation Attempts (In-School Only)

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Alcohol				
Does not apply, don't use	na	92	87	88
0 times	na	6	11	12
1 time	na	2	2	0
2 to 3 times	na	1	1	0
4 or more times	na	0	0	0
Marijuana				
Does not apply, don't use	na	92	83	64
0 times	na	5	7	12
1 time	na	2	5	12
2 to 3 times	na	1	3	12
4 or more times	na	1	2	0

Question HS A.118, 119: How many times have you tried to quit or stop using... alcohol?... marijuana?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

Table A9.11***Perceived Harm of AOD Use***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Alcohol - drink occasionally				
Great	25	26	32	40
Moderate	16	22	25	16
Slight	18	23	20	12
None	41	29	22	32
Alcohol - 5 or more drinks once or twice a week				
Great	33	41	49	44
Moderate	17	25	24	24
Slight	8	8	7	4
None	42	27	19	28
Marijuana - use occasionally				
Great	30	30	28	24
Moderate	18	24	22	16
Slight	12	16	21	24
None	41	30	28	36
Marijuana - use daily				
Great	43	45	41	28
Moderate	9	18	21	20
Slight	6	8	14	28
None	43	29	24	24

Question HS A.108-111/MS A.103-106: How much do people risk harming themselves physically and in other ways when they do the following?... Drink alcohol (beer, wine, liquor) occasionally... Have five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice a week... Use marijuana occasionally (smoke, vape, eat, or drink) ... Use marijuana daily.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.12***Perceived Difficulty of Obtaining Alcohol, Marijuana, and Prescription Drugs to Get “High”***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Alcohol				
Very difficult	14	10	6	20
Fairly difficult	8	10	8	4
Fairly easy	11	19	19	16
Very easy	11	16	31	28
Don't know	55	46	36	32
Marijuana				
Very difficult	13	8	6	16
Fairly difficult	8	8	3	4
Fairly easy	12	18	15	16
Very easy	12	25	45	40
Don't know	54	41	31	24
Prescription drugs to get “high” or for reasons other than prescribed				
Very difficult	11	9	10	16
Fairly difficult	7	9	7	8
Fairly easy	10	14	15	12
Very easy	12	15	20	24
Don't know	60	53	48	40

Question HS A.114-116/MS A.109-111: How difficult is it for students in your grade to get any of the following if they really want them?... Alcohol... Marijuana... Prescription drugs to get “high” or for reasons other than prescribed.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

10. Tobacco Use

Table A10.1

Summary of Key CHKS Tobacco Indicators

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %	Table
Use Prevalence and Patterns					
Ever smoked a whole cigarette	1	3	4	12	A10.2
Current cigarette smoking [¶]	1	1	2	4	A10.4
Current cigarette smoking at school ^{¶Φ}	0	1	1	0	A10.6
Ever tried smokeless tobacco	2	3	4	4	A10.2
Current smokeless tobacco use [¶]	1	2	2	0	A10.4
Current smokeless tobacco use at school ^{¶Φ}	0	2	1	0	A10.6
Ever used vape products	13	19	27	48	A10.2
Current use of vape products [¶]	6	8	9	28	A10.4
Current tobacco vaping [¶]	3	7	8	28	A10.5
Current marijuana vaping [¶]	3	6	6	28	A10.5
Current vaping at school ^{¶Φ}	7	5	7	17	A10.6
Cessation Attempts					
Tried to quit smoking or vaping tobacco or nicotine ^Φ	na	5	8	20	A10.8
Attitudes and Correlates					
Harmfulness of occasional cigarette smoking ^{BΦ}	30	35	42	48	A10.9
Harmfulness of smoking 1 or more packs/day ^{BΦ}	43	55	66	56	A10.9
Harmfulness of vaping occasionally ^{BΦ}	30	36	40	46	A10.10
Harmfulness of vaping several times a day ^{BΦ}	48	57	66	48	A10.10
Difficulty of obtaining cigarettes ^{CΦ}	11	9	10	20	A10.11
Difficulty of obtaining vape products ^{CΦ}	9	5	5	16	A10.11
Anti-Tobacco Policy					
School bans tobacco use and vaping ^Φ	54	49	59	56	A10.12

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

^ΦIn-School only.

^BGreat harm.

^CVery difficult.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

Table A10.2
Lifetime Tobacco Use

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
A cigarette, even one or two puffs				
0 times	96	na	na	na
1 time	2	na	na	na
2 to 3 times	1	na	na	na
4 or more times	1	na	na	na
A whole cigarette				
0 times	99	97	96	88
1 time	0	1	2	4
2 to 3 times	0	1	1	0
4 or more times	0	1	1	8
Smokeless tobacco				
0 times	98	97	96	96
1 time	1	2	1	0
2 to 3 times	1	0	1	4
4 or more times	1	1	2	0
Vape products				
0 times	87	81	73	52
1 time	6	6	7	0
2 to 3 times	3	5	6	8
4 or more times	5	8	14	40

Question HS A.69-71/MS A.69-72: During your life, how many times have you used the following?... A cigarette, even one or two puffs... A whole cigarette... Smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, or snuff)... Vape products.

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

na—Not asked of high school students.

Table A10.3
Substances Ever Vaped

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Vaped tobacco or nicotine				
0 times	91	86	81	60
1 time	3	3	4	0
2 to 3 times	1	3	3	8
4 or more times	4	7	12	32
Vaped marijuana or THC				
0 times	94	90	83	60
1 time	1	2	3	0
2 to 3 times	2	3	3	4
4 or more times	2	5	11	36
Vaped other product				
0 times	95	94	93	88
1 time	2	1	1	4
2 to 3 times	2	2	2	0
4 or more times	1	3	4	8

Question HS A.71A-71C/MS A.72A-72C: During your life, how many times have you used the following?... Vaped tobacco or nicotine... Vaped marijuana or THC... Vaped other product.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.4
Any Current Use and Daily Use

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Cigarettes				
Any	1	1	2	4
Daily (20 or more days)	0	1	1	0
Smokeless tobacco				
Any	1	2	2	0
Daily (20 or more days)	0	0	0	0
Vape products				
Any	6	8	9	28
Daily (20 or more days)	1	3	4	16

Question HS A.87-89/MS A.84-86: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use... cigarettes?... smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, or snuff)?... vape products?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.5**Substances Vaped, Past 30 Days**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Vaped tobacco or nicotine?				
0 days	97	93	92	72
1 or 2 days	1	2	2	8
3 to 9 days	1	2	2	4
10 to 19 days	1	1	1	4
20 to 30 days	1	3	3	12
Vaped marijuana or THC?				
0 days	97	94	94	72
1 or 2 days	1	3	1	0
3 to 9 days	1	1	1	12
10 to 19 days	0	1	1	4
20 to 30 days	0	1	3	12
Vaped other product?				
0 days	97	96	97	96
1 or 2 days	1	1	1	0
3 to 9 days	1	1	0	0
10 to 19 days	0	1	0	4
20 to 30 days	0	1	1	0

Question HS A.89A-89C/MS A.86A-86C: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use vape products?... Vaped tobacco or nicotine... Vaped marijuana or THC... Vaped other product?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.6**Current Smoking on School Property, Past 30 Days (In-School Only)**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Cigarettes				
0 days	100	99	99	100
1 or 2 days	0	1	0	0
3 to 9 days	0	0	0	0
10 to 19 days	0	0	0	0
20 to 30 days	0	0	0	0
Smokeless tobacco				
0 days	100	98	99	100
1 or 2 days	0	1	1	0
3 to 9 days	0	0	0	0
10 to 19 days	0	0	0	0
20 to 30 days	0	1	0	0
Vape				
0 days	93	95	93	83
1 or 2 days	4	2	1	0
3 to 9 days	2	1	1	0
10 to 19 days	0	1	1	6
20 to 30 days	1	2	3	11

Question HS A.97-99/MS A.92-94: During the past 30 days, on how many days on school property did you... smoke cigarettes?... use smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, or snuff)?... vape?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.7***Secondhand Smoke on School Property, Past 30 days (In-School Only)***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Breathed the smoke or vapor from someone who was using cigarettes or e-cigarettes				
0 days	93	92	92	100
1 day	3	1	2	0
2 days	1	3	2	0
3-9 days	1	1	2	0
10-19 days	1	0	1	0
20-30 days	1	2	1	0

Question HS A.103/MS A.98: During the past 30 days, on how many days on school property did you... breathe the smoke or vapor from someone who was using cigarettes or e-cigarettes?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.8***Cigarette Smoking and Vaping Cessation Attempts (In-School Only)***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Does not apply, don't use	na	90	88	68
0 times	na	4	4	12
1 time	na	2	4	16
2 to 3 times	na	2	2	4
4 or more times	na	1	2	0

Question HS A.117: How many times have you tried to quit or stop using... smoking or vaping tobacco or nicotine?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

Table A10.9***Perceived Harm of Cigarette Smoking***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Smoke cigarettes occasionally				
Great	30	35	42	48
Moderate	20	24	25	16
Slight	11	13	12	12
None	39	28	21	24
Smoke 1 or more packs of cigarettes each day				
Great	43	55	66	56
Moderate	12	11	11	12
Slight	4	6	4	4
None	41	29	20	28

Question HS A.104, 105/MS A.99, 100: How much do people risk harming themselves physically and in other ways when they do the following?... Smoke cigarettes occasionally... Smoke 1 or more packs of cigarettes each day.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.10***Perceived Harm of Using Vape Products***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Vape tobacco or nicotine occasionally				
Great	30	36	40	46
Moderate	22	26	28	4
Slight	10	14	13	25
None	38	25	18	25
Vape tobacco or nicotine several times a day (100 puffs or more)				
Great	48	57	66	48
Moderate	10	14	12	24
Slight	4	5	4	4
None	38	25	18	24

Question HS A.106, 107/MS A.101, 102: How much do people risk harming themselves physically and in other ways when they do the following?... Vape tobacco or nicotine occasionally... Vape tobacco or nicotine several times a day (100 puffs or more).

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.11***Perceived Difficulty of Obtaining Cigarettes and Vape Products***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Cigarettes				
Very difficult	11	9	10	20
Fairly difficult	12	11	10	8
Fairly easy	12	17	16	20
Very easy	8	13	21	12
Don't know	57	50	43	40
Vape products				
Very difficult	9	5	5	16
Fairly difficult	8	5	3	4
Fairly easy	16	23	16	24
Very easy	23	32	44	32
Don't know	43	35	31	24

Question HS A.112, 113/MS A.107, 108: How difficult is it for students in your grade to get any of the following if they really want them?... Cigarettes... Vape products.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.12***School Bans Tobacco Use and Vaping (In-School Only)***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
No	10	8	8	11
Yes	54	49	59	56
Don't know	36	43	34	33

Question HS A.120/MS A.112: Does your school ban tobacco use and vaping on school property and at school sponsored events?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

11. Other Health Risks

Table A11.1

Alone After School (In-School Only)

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Never	55	na	na	na
1 day	12	na	na	na
2 days	8	na	na	na
3 days	4	na	na	na
4 days	2	na	na	na
5 days	19	na	na	na

Question MS A.113: In a normal week, how many days are you home after school for at least one hour without an adult there?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

na—Not asked of high school students.

Table A11.2

Gang Involvement (In-School Only)

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
No	97	96	97	82
Yes	3	4	3	18

Question HS A.156/MS A.149: Do you consider yourself a member of a gang?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

12. Race/Ethnic Breakdowns

Table A12.1

School Engagement and Supports by Race/Ethnicity

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
School Connectedness^{†#} (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	43	35	40	
Black or African American	35	43	27	
Hispanic or Latinx	41	40	33	
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			38	
White	44		33	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	34	39	35	
Something else	40	48		
School Connectedness^{†ψ} (<i>Remote Only</i>)				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American				
Black or African American				
Hispanic or Latinx				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White				
Mixed (two or more) ethnics				
Something else				
Academic Motivation[†]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	69	61	56	
Black or African American	61	60	50	
Hispanic or Latinx	55	55	55	69
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			57	
White	47		39	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	53	56	42	
Something else	55	43		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]*Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

[#]*The scale was based on five survey questions for in-school respondents.*

^ψ*The scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.*

Table A12.1***School Engagement and Supports by Race/Ethnicity – Continued***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
School is really boring[±]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	53	65	69	
Black or African American	59	53	72	
Hispanic or Latinx	54	66	61	46
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			64	
White	50		78	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	59	57	74	
Something else	56	65		
School is worthless and a waste of time[±]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	9	28	21	
Black or African American	19	21	29	
Hispanic or Latinx	17	17	20	31
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			9	
White	33		33	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	21	25	23	
Something else	24	26		
Monthly Absences (3 or more)				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	16	12	22	
Black or African American	27	29	31	
Hispanic or Latinx	28	25	23	36
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			42	
White	38		11	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	31	34	27	
Something else	27	20		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[±]Rating of 6 or higher.

Table A12.1***School Engagement and Supports by Race/Ethnicity – Continued***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Maintaining focus on schoolwork[†]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	36	21	23	
Black or African American	37	31	24	
Hispanic or Latinx	24	26	25	46
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			27	
White	20		11	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	20	37	29	
Something else	29	16		
Caring adults in school[‡]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	53	33	55	
Black or African American	58	53	49	
Hispanic or Latinx	47	41	44	54
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			58	
White	60		41	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	43	50	58	
Something else	45	51		
High expectations-adults in school[‡]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	66	58	73	
Black or African American	72	66	58	
Hispanic or Latinx	57	59	56	62
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			64	
White	75		52	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	61	67	70	
Something else	53	63		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

Table A12.1***School Engagement and Supports by Race/Ethnicity – Continued***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Meaningful participation at school[‡]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	20	18	15	
Black or African American	27	24	21	
Hispanic or Latinx	17	14	12	17
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			12	
White	19		10	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	21	19	22	
Something else	20	22		
Facilities upkeep[†] (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	15	1	15	
Black or African American	10	8	14	
Hispanic or Latinx	18	18	14	
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			0	
White	13		0	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	14	11	12	
Something else	23	21		
Promotion of parental involvement in School[†]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	35	26	22	
Black or African American	38	28	14	
Hispanic or Latinx	38	28	18	36
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			27	
White	29		4	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	37	30	18	
Something else	35	33		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

Table A12.2
School Safety by Race/Ethnicity

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
School perceived as very safe or safe (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	35	33	34	
Black or African American	38	44	24	
Hispanic or Latinx	36	38	28	
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			40	
White	29		53	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	22	24	43	
Something else	42	58		
Experienced harassment due to five reasons^{^§}				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	42	28	19	
Black or African American	37	28	16	
Hispanic or Latinx	36	18	16	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			30	
White	60		47	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	42	29	16	
Something else	35	28		
Experienced any harassment or bullying[§]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	51	29	23	
Black or African American	41	33	19	
Hispanic or Latinx	44	25	21	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			30	
White	60		53	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	47	34	17	
Something else	45	33		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[^]The five reasons include race, ethnicity, or national origin; religion; gender (being male or female); sexual orientation; and a physical or mental disability.

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A12.2
School Safety by Race/Ethnicity – Continued

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Had mean rumors or lies spread about you[§]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	38	30	31	
Black or African American	36	29	30	
Hispanic or Latinx	37	22	22	8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			10	
White	33		33	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	40	30	23	
Something else	36	44		
Been afraid of being beaten up[§] (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	53	32	8	
Black or African American	20	7	9	
Hispanic or Latinx	25	23	12	
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			10	
White	43		19	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	29	12	10	
Something else	26	17		
Been in a physical fight[§] (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	9	6	6	
Black or African American	47	11	11	
Hispanic or Latinx	16	10	6	
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			0	
White	0		19	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	38	10	5	
Something else	16	22		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A12.2
School Safety by Race/Ethnicity – Continued

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Seen a weapon on campus[§] (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	25	17	14	
Black or African American	22	13	13	
Hispanic or Latinx	19	25	22	
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			10	
White	29		25	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	25	20	15	
Something else	21	17		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A12.3
Cyberbullying by Race/Ethnicity

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Cyberbullying[§]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	38	23	28	
Black or African American	37	19	29	
Hispanic or Latinx	34	21	19	8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			10	
White	20		18	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	35	27	19	
Something else	29	28		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A12.4**Substance Use by Race/Ethnicity**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Current alcohol or drug use[¶]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	2	11	16	
Black or African American	9	14	24	
Hispanic or Latinx	7	14	18	15
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			10	
White	7		29	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	8	10	21	
Something else	12	11		
Current marijuana use[¶]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	0	1	8	
Black or African American	6	12	20	
Hispanic or Latinx	4	9	9	15
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			10	
White	0		25	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	3	7	18	
Something else	4	5		
Current binge drinking[¶]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	0	7	6	
Black or African American	3	2	7	
Hispanic or Latinx	1	3	3	8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			10	
White	0		0	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	0	0	3	
Something else	8	5		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

Table A12.4**Substance Use by Race/Ethnicity – Continued**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times, ever				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	0	3	6	
Black or African American	0	5	17	
Hispanic or Latinx	1	5	11	23
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			10	
White	0		19	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	2	2	18	
Something else	4	0		
Been drunk or “high” on drugs at school, ever				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	2	4	8	
Black or African American	1	10	13	
Hispanic or Latinx	2	8	11	15
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			0	
White	0		19	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	3	5	15	
Something else	4	6		
Current alcohol use[¶]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	2	7	11	
Black or African American	3	3	11	
Hispanic or Latinx	4	7	12	15
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			10	
White	0		18	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	3	7	14	
Something else	4	0		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

Table A12.4**Substance Use by Race/Ethnicity – Continued**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Current alcohol use at school[¶] (In-School Only)				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	0	3	4	
Black or African American	0	0	6	
Hispanic or Latinx	1	5	0	
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			0	
White	0		6	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	4	5	3	
Something else	5	5		
Current cigarette smoking[¶]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	0	1	2	
Black or African American	0	2	2	
Hispanic or Latinx	1	1	1	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			0	
White	0		12	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	0	0	2	
Something else	4	0		
Current vaping[¶]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	2	3	10	
Black or African American	7	12	14	
Hispanic or Latinx	7	10	7	15
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			10	
White	0		25	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	5	7	9	
Something else	13	0		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

Table A12.4**Substance Use by Race/Ethnicity – Continued**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Current tobacco vaping[¶]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	2	1	10	
Black or African American	3	12	14	
Hispanic or Latinx	4	8	6	15
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			10	
White	0		6	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	3	7	8	
Something else	0	0		
Current marijuana vaping[¶]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	0	1	5	
Black or African American	3	8	13	
Hispanic or Latinx	3	7	4	15
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			10	
White	0		19	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	5	5	6	
Something else	0	0		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

Table A12.5***Routines by Race/Ethnicity***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Eating of breakfast¹				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	59	63	54	
Black or African American	55	43	31	
Hispanic or Latinx	51	42	45	40
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			58	
White	38		39	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	50	51	53	
Something else	54	30		
Bedtime (at 12 am or later)				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	23	33	49	
Black or African American	23	22	48	
Hispanic or Latinx	29	27	31	40
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			50	
White	13		33	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	25	40	42	
Something else	50	20		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

¹*Today.*

Table A12.6***Learning from Home by Race/Ethnicity (Remote Only)***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Average days worked on schoolwork (5 or more)[¶]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American				
Black or African American				
Hispanic or Latinx				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White				
Mixed (two or more) ethnics				
Something else				
Synchronous instruction (4 days or more)^{¶¶}				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American				
Black or African American				
Hispanic or Latinx				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White				
Mixed (two or more) ethnics				
Something else				
Interest in schoolwork done from home				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American				
Black or African American				
Hispanic or Latinx				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White				
Mixed (two or more) ethnics				
Something else				

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]*Past 30 days.*

^{¶¶}*Past 7 days.*

Table A12.6

Learning from Home by Race/Ethnicity – Continued (Remote Only)

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Meaningful opportunities[‡]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American				
Black or African American				
Hispanic or Latinx				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White				
Mixed (two or more) ethnics				
Something else				

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

Table A12.7***Social and Emotional Health by Race/Ethnicity***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Social emotional distress[‡]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	35	42	35	
Black or African American	26	34	41	
Hispanic or Latinx	31	33	34	28
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			36	
White	37		42	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	39	28	42	
Something else	34	23		
Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness[§]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	46	48	53	
Black or African American	43	46	43	
Hispanic or Latinx	40	43	41	23
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			60	
White	40		56	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	47	37	53	
Something else	56	17		
Considered suicide[§]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	20	25	23	
Black or African American	19	23	23	
Hispanic or Latinx	24	18	15	8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			30	
White	20		25	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	25	15	30	
Something else	37	6		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[‡]*Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”*

[§]*Past 12 months.*

Table A12.7***Social and Emotional Health by Race/Ethnicity – Continued***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Optimism[‡]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	45	41	40	
Black or African American	62	50	39	
Hispanic or Latinx	39	38	39	41
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			57	
White	29		38	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	40	44	39	
Something else	31	43		
Life satisfaction[‡]				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian or Asian American	57	50	54	
Black or African American	62	52	44	
Hispanic or Latinx	52	57	55	65
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			62	
White	42		40	
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	52	48	50	
Something else	58	63		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[‡]*Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”*

[‡]*Average percent of respondents reporting “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied.”*

13. Gender Breakdowns

Table A13.1

School Engagement and Supports by Gender

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
School Connectedness^{†#} (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
Male	43	45	41	30
Female	34	35	25	
Nonbinary	30		33	
Something else	24			
School Connectedness^{†ψ} (<i>Remote Only</i>)				
Male				
Female	45			
Nonbinary				
Something else				
Academic Motivation[†]				
Male	57	54	48	47
Female	58	60	56	
Nonbinary	58		27	
Something else	33			
School is really boring[±]				
Male	54	64	67	75
Female	54	60	67	
Nonbinary	69		73	
Something else	85			
School is worthless and a waste of time[±]				
Male	17	22	23	44
Female	16	17	21	
Nonbinary	38		27	
Something else	38			

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

[#]The scale was based on five survey questions for in-school respondents.

^ψThe scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.

Table A13.1
School Engagement and Supports by Gender – Continued

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Monthly Absences (3 or more)				
Male	27	22	17	31
Female	29	29	31	40
Nonbinary	13		36	
Something else	25		30	
Maintaining focus on schoolwork[†]				
Male	33	26	26	25
Female	22	28	22	
Nonbinary	13		36	
Something else	17			
Caring adults in school[‡]				
Male	49	42	46	44
Female	47	45	51	
Nonbinary	60		70	
Something else	46			
High expectations-adults in school[‡]				
Male	62	58	60	60
Female	61	64	62	
Nonbinary	73		70	
Something else	41			
Meaningful participation at school[‡]				
Male	19	15	17	9
Female	19	19	14	
Nonbinary	29		15	
Something else	27			

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

Table A13.1
School Engagement and Supports by Gender – Continued

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Facilities upkeep[†] (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
Male	15	14	14	25
Female	15	13	10	
Nonbinary	19		36	
Something else	20			
Promotion of parental involvement in School[‡]				
Male	40	29	22	23
Female	33	28	14	
Nonbinary	33		21	
Something else	8			

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]*Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

[‡]*Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”*

Table A13.2
School Safety by Gender

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
School perceived as very safe or safe (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
Male	37	43	39	33
Female	31	33	24	
Nonbinary	31		50	
Something else	10			
Experienced harassment due to five reasons^{λ§}				
Male	28	18	12	0
Female	44	25	23	
Nonbinary	87		40	
Something else	83			
Experienced any harassment or bullying[§]				
Male	35	21	16	7
Female	51	34	27	
Nonbinary	87		40	
Something else	83			
Had mean rumors or lies spread about you[§]				
Male	31	22	14	7
Female	43	31	38	
Nonbinary	53		10	
Something else	46			
Been afraid of being beaten up[§] (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
Male	28	21	9	0
Female	29	21	13	
Nonbinary	47		20	
Something else	60			

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

^λThe five reasons include race, ethnicity, or national origin; religion; gender (being male or female); sexual orientation; and a physical or mental disability.

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A13.2
School Safety by Gender – Continued

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Been in a physical fight[§] (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
Male	29	11	9	18
Female	15	7	4	
Nonbinary	20		20	
Something else	30			
Seen a weapon on campus[§] (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
Male	22	20	18	18
Female	19	20	20	
Nonbinary	47		0	
Something else				

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A13.3
Cyberbullying by Gender

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Cyberbullying[§]				
Male	27	17	17	13
Female	40	27	28	
Nonbinary	53		0	
Something else	46			

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A13.4
Substance Use by Gender

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Current alcohol or drug use[¶]				
Male	5	8	18	31
Female	10	18	20	
Nonbinary	0		10	
Something else	15			
Current marijuana use[¶]				
Male	3	4	11	31
Female	4	12	14	
Nonbinary	0		10	
Something else	17			
Current binge drinking[¶]				
Male	0	3	5	6
Female	2	5	4	
Nonbinary	0		0	
Something else	8			
Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times, ever				
Male	1	2	11	38
Female	1	7	13	
Nonbinary	0		10	
Something else	0			
Been drunk or “high” on drugs at school, ever				
Male	3	4	8	25
Female	1	11	15	
Nonbinary	0		10	
Something else	8			
Current alcohol use[¶]				
Male	1	3	13	6
Female	6	9	11	
Nonbinary	0		0	
Something else	8			

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

Table A13.4
Substance Use by Gender – Continued

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Current alcohol use at school[¶] (<i>In-School Only</i>)				
Male	0	2	4	0
Female	2	5	1	
Nonbinary	0		10	
Something else				
Current cigarette smoking[¶]				
Male	1	1	2	0
Female	1	1	1	
Nonbinary	0		10	
Something else	0			
Current vaping[¶]				
Male	4	6	10	25
Female	8	10	9	
Nonbinary	6		10	
Something else	23			
Current tobacco vaping[¶]				
Male	3	5	9	25
Female	4	9	8	
Nonbinary	0		0	
Something else	8			
Current marijuana vaping[¶]				
Male	2	4	6	25
Female	3	7	7	
Nonbinary	0		0	
Something else	17			

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

Table A13.5
Routines by Gender

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Eating of breakfast[†]				
Male	55	45	45	24
Female	51	49	44	27
Nonbinary	50		82	
Something else	15		50	
Bedtime (at 12 am or later)				
Male	26	31	40	53
Female	27	25	36	36
Nonbinary	44		45	
Something else	38		70	

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Aerobic physical fitness standards—at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity per week.

[†]*Today.*

[‡]*Past 7 days.*

Table A13.6***Learning from Home by Gender (Remote Only)***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Average days worked on schoolwork (5 or more)[¶]				
Male				
Female	46			
Nonbinary				
Something else				
Synchronous instruction (4 days or more)[¶]				
Male				
Female	79			
Nonbinary				
Something else				
Interest in schoolwork done from home				
Male				
Female	31			
Nonbinary				
Something else				
Meaningful opportunities[‡]				
Male				
Female	15			
Nonbinary				
Something else				

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

[¶]Past 7 days.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

Table A13.7
Social and Emotional Health by Gender

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Social emotional distress[‡]				
Male	22	19	25	39
Female	40	51	47	
Nonbinary	69		44	
Something else	58			
Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness[§]				
Male	33	25	35	53
Female	51	61	58	
Nonbinary	73		50	
Something else	83			
Considered suicide[§]				
Male	14	10	14	33
Female	28	27	25	
Nonbinary	53		30	
Something else	58			
Optimism[‡]				
Male	48	48	46	36
Female	37	35	33	
Nonbinary	40		43	
Something else	17			
Life satisfaction[‡]				
Male	62	63	57	57
Female	49	46	47	
Nonbinary	36		58	
Something else	28			

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

[§]Past 12 months.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied.”

Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Module

1. Module Sample

Table B1.1

Student Sample for AOD Module

	Grade 7	Grade 9	Grade 11	NT ^A
<i>Student Sample Size</i>				
Target sample	693	734	795	130
Final number	23	303	299	0
Response Rate	3%	41%	38%	0%

Note: ^ANT includes continuation, community day, and other alternative school types.

2. Summary of Key Indicators

Table B2.1

Key Indicators of Alcohol and Other Drug Use

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %	Table
Alcohol and Marijuana Consumption Patterns					
Usually drank until felt it a lot	0	1	3		B3.4
Usually used marijuana or other drugs until felt it a lot	na	4	5		B3.5
Driving under the influence experiences	30	6	6		B3.6
Consequences of AOD Consumption					
Caused one or more problems	na	7	10		B4.2
Caused one or more dependency-related experiences	na	8	10		B4.3
Supports to Reduce AOD Use					
Very likely to find help at school for quitting or reducing use	na	8	9		B5.2
Strong Personal Disapproval of AOD Use					
Having one or two drinks of any alcoholic beverage nearly every day	59	50	40		B7.1
Trying marijuana once or twice	45	36	18		B7.1
Using marijuana once a month or more	59	45	27		B7.1

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

3. ATOD Consumption Patterns

Table B3.1

Lifetime Use of Heroin, Sedatives, Appetite Suppressants, and Prescription Stimulant

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Heroin				
0 times	na	99	98	
1 time	na	0	1	
2 to 3 times	na	0	1	
4 or more times	na	1	1	
Tranquilizers or sedatives				
0 times	na	98	97	
1 time	na	1	0	
2 to 3 times	na	0	2	
4 or more times	na	1	1	
Appetite suppressants				
0 times	na	95	97	
1 time	na	1	0	
2 to 3 times	na	1	2	
4 or more times	na	3	1	
Ritalin or Adderall or other prescription stimulant				
0 times	na	97	98	
1 time	na	1	0	
2 to 3 times	na	1	2	
4 or more times	na	2	1	

Question HS B.6-9: During your life, how many times have you used the following?... Heroin... Tranquilizers or sedatives (Xanax, Klonopin, Ativan, Valium)... Appetite suppressants (Didrex, Dexedrine, Xenadrine, Skittles, M&Ms)... Ritalin or Adderall or other prescription stimulant.

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

Table B3.2
Age of Onset – AOD Use

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Alcohol (one full drink)				
Never	81	70	66	
10 years or under	10	6	3	
11-12 years old	0	9	2	
13-14 years old	5	10	9	
15-16 years old	0	4	16	
17 years or older	5	1	3	
Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)				
Never	86	84	75	
10 years or under	0	1	0	
11-12 years old	0	2	2	
13-14 years old	5	9	6	
15-16 years old	0	2	13	
17 years or older	9	1	3	
Any other illegal drug or pill to get “high”				
Never	95	94	94	
10 years or under	0	1	0	
11-12 years old	0	1	0	
13-14 years old	0	2	2	
15-16 years old	0	1	2	
17 years or older	5	1	1	

Question HS/MS B.1, 4, 5: About how old were you the first time you tried any of these things?... A drink of an alcoholic beverage (other than a sip or two)... Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)... Any other illegal drug or pill to get “high.”

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table B3.3***Age of Onset – Tobacco Use***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Smoked part or all of a cigarette				
Never	95	93	94	
10 years or under	0	2	1	
11-12 years old	0	1	1	
13-14 years old	0	2	1	
15-16 years old	5	0	3	
17 years or older	0	1	1	
A vape product such as an e-cigarette, vape pen, or mod				
Never	86	81	77	
10 years or under	0	2	0	
11-12 years old	0	5	2	
13-14 years old	5	9	9	
15-16 years old	5	3	10	
17 years or older	5	1	2	

Question HS/MS B.2, 3: About how old were you the first time you tried any of these things?... Part or all of a cigarette... A vape product such as an e-cigarette (JUUL), vape pen, or mod.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table B3.4***Usual Alcohol Consumption Level***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
I don't drink alcohol	95	85	81	
Just enough to feel it a little	5	9	10	
Enough to feel it moderately	0	5	5	
Until I feel it a lot or get really drunk	0	1	3	

Question HS B.10/MS B.6: If you drink alcohol, how much do you usually drink?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table B3.5***Usual Drug Consumption Level***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
I don't use drugs	na	89	84	
Just enough to feel a little high	na	4	6	
Enough to feel it moderately	na	3	5	
Until I feel it a lot or get really high	na	4	5	

Question HS B.11: If you use marijuana or other drugs, how "high" (stoned, faded, wasted, trashed) do you usually like to get?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

Table B3.6***Driving Under the Influence Experiences, Lifetime***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Driven a car when you had been using alcohol or drugs, or been in a car driven by a friend who had been using				
Never	na	94	94	
1 time	na	2	2	
2 times	na	3	2	
3 to 6 times	na	0	2	
7 or more times	na	1	1	
Have ridden in a car driven by someone who had been using alcohol or drugs				
Never	70	na	na	na
1 time	13	na	na	na
2 times	4	na	na	na
3 to 6 times	9	na	na	na
7 or more times	4	na	na	na

Question HS B.35/MS B.25: During your life, how many times have you ever driven a car when you had been using alcohol or drugs, or been in a car driven by a friend when he or she had been using?... During your life, how many times have you ridden in a car driven by someone who had been using alcohol or drugs?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

4. Reasons for and Consequences of AOD Consumption

Table B4.1

Reasons for AOD Use, Past 12 Months

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Does not apply, I haven't used alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs in the past 12 months.	65	68	64	
To experiment (try using)	9	9	10	
To get high	0	7	11	
To have a good time with friends	0	9	15	
To fit in with a group you like	0	0	1	
Because of boredom	0	7	7	
To relax	0	7	11	
To get away from problems	4	6	10	
Because of anger or frustration	4	7	5	
To get through the day	0	6	6	
Because it made you feel better	0	6	10	
To seek deeper insights and understanding	0	4	6	
None of the above	52	25	18	

Question HS B.12/MS B.7: Have you used alcoholic beverages, marijuana, or other drugs in the past 12 months for any of the following reasons? (Mark All That Apply.)

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Total percentages may exceed 100% for "mark all that apply" items.

Table B4.2***Problems Caused by AOD Use***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Does not apply; I've never used alcohol or drugs	na	82	73	
I've used alcohol or drugs but never had any problems	na	13	20	
Have problems with emotions, nerves, or mental health	na	3	3	
Get into trouble or have problems with the police	na	1	1	
Have money problems	na	1	2	
Miss school	na	1	1	
Have problems with schoolwork	na	1	4	
Fight with others	na	1	1	
Damage a friendship	na	1	1	
Physically hurt or injure yourself	na	1	2	
Have unwanted or unprotected sex	na	0	0	
Forget what happened or pass out	na	2	3	
Been suspended from school	na	0	1	
<i>One or more problems</i>	na	7	10	

Question HS B.13: Has using alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs ever caused you to have any of the following problems? (Mark All That Apply.)

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Total percentages may exceed 100% for "mark all that apply" items.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

Table B4.3***Alcohol or Other Drug Use Caused Negative Experiences***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Does not apply; I have not used alcohol or drugs	na	85	76	
I use alcohol or drugs but have not experienced any of these things	na	8	15	
Found you had to increase how much you use to have the same effect as before	na	2	4	
Frequently spent a lot of time getting, using, or being hung over from using alcohol or other drugs	na	2	3	
Used alcohol or drugs a lot more than you intended	na	1	5	
Used alcohol or drugs when you were alone	na	3	6	
Your use of alcohol or drugs often kept you from doing a normal activity	na	1	1	
You didn't feel OK unless you had something to drink or used a drug	na	2	3	
Thought about reducing or stopping use	na	3	4	
Told yourself you were not going to use but found yourself using anyway	na	3	4	
Spoke with someone about reducing or stopping use	na	2	2	
Attended counseling, a program, or group to help you reduce or stop use	na	0	1	
<i>One or more negative experiences</i>	na	8	10	

Question HS B.14: If you use alcohol, marijuana, or another drug, have you had any of the following experiences? (Mark All That Apply.)

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Total percentages may exceed 100% for "mark all that apply" items.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

Table B4.4

Likelihood of Suspension, Expulsion, Transfer Because of AOD Use/Possession

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Very likely	na	25	27	
Likely	na	22	24	
Not likely	na	13	14	
Don't know	na	39	35	

Question HS B.17: In your opinion, how likely is it that a student will be suspended, expelled, or transferred if caught on school property using or possessing alcohol or other drugs?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

5. Supports to Reduce AOD Use

Table B5.1

Needed Counseling for Use

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
No, I never used alcohol or other drugs	na	86	77	
No, but I do use alcohol or other drugs	na	12	19	
Yes, I have felt that I needed help	na	1	4	

Question HS B.15: Have you ever felt that you needed help (such as counseling or treatment) for your alcohol or other drug use?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

Table B5.2

Likelihood of Finding Help at School for Quitting or Reducing Use

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Very likely	na	8	9	
Likely	na	21	26	
Not likely	na	19	23	
Don't know	na	53	43	

Question HS B.16: In your opinion, how likely is it that a student could find help at your school from a counselor, teacher, or other adult to stop or reduce using alcohol or other drugs?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

na—Not asked of middle school students.

Table B5.3

Talked with Parent About AOD Use

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
No	61	62	65	
Yes	39	38	35	

Question HS B.23/MS B.13: During the past 12 months, have you talked with at least one of your parents or guardians about the dangers of alcohol or drug use?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

6. Availability

Table B6.1

Sources for Obtaining Alcohol

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
At school	4	12	8	
At parties	0	20	18	
At concerts or other social events	4	7	6	
At their own home	9	18	21	
From adults at friends' homes	0	11	9	
From friends or another teenager	9	19	19	
Get adults to buy it for them	4	12	8	
Buy it themselves from a store	4	8	7	
At bars, clubs, or gambling casinos	0	1	1	
Other	4	6	3	
Don't know	87	72	72	

Question HS B.18/MS B.8: How do most students at your school who drink alcohol usually get it? (Mark All That Apply.)

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Total percentages may exceed 100% for "mark all that apply" items.

Table B6.2***Sources for Obtaining Marijuana***

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
At school	9	22	26	
At parties	0	11	14	
At concerts or other social events	0	5	7	
At their own home	9	13	19	
From an adult acquaintance	0	8	12	
From friends or another teenager	4	25	25	
Buy it at a marijuana dispensary	0	6	9	
At bars or clubs	0	0	0	
Other	13	7	5	
Don't know	78	69	65	

Question HS B.19/MS B.9: How do most kids at your school who use marijuana usually get it? (Mark All That Apply.)

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Total percentages may exceed 100% for “mark all that apply” items.

7. Influences on ATOD Use

Table B7.1

Personal Disapproval of AOD Use

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Having one or two drinks of any alcoholic beverage nearly every day				
Neither approve nor disapprove	18	36	43	
Somewhat disapprove	23	14	16	
Strongly disapprove	59	50	40	
Trying marijuana once or twice				
Neither approve nor disapprove	32	47	64	
Somewhat disapprove	23	17	17	
Strongly disapprove	45	36	18	
Using marijuana once a month or more regularly				
Neither approve nor disapprove	18	44	55	
Somewhat disapprove	23	12	18	
Strongly disapprove	59	45	27	

Question HS B.20-22/MS B.10-12: How do you feel about someone your age doing the following?... Having one or two drinks of any alcoholic beverage nearly every day... Trying marijuana once or twice... Using marijuana once a month or more regularly.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table B7.2**Parent Disapproval of ATOD Use**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Take one or two drinks of alcohol nearly every day				
Very wrong	77	80	75	
Wrong	18	10	15	
A little wrong	5	5	6	
Not at all wrong	0	5	3	
Smoke tobacco				
Very wrong	82	86	81	
Wrong	14	6	14	
A little wrong	5	4	2	
Not at all wrong	0	4	3	
Use vape products such as e-cigarettes, vape pens, or mods				
Very wrong	82	82	77	
Wrong	14	8	17	
A little wrong	0	5	3	
Not at all wrong	5	4	3	
Use marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)				
Very wrong	82	78	72	
Wrong	14	10	15	
A little wrong	0	7	7	
Not at all wrong	5	5	6	
Use prescription drugs to get high or for reasons other than prescribed				
Very wrong	86	88	84	
Wrong	14	6	11	
A little wrong	0	3	3	
Not at all wrong	0	3	2	

Question HS B.25-29/MS B.15-19: How wrong do your parents or guardians feel it would be for you to do the following?... Take one or two drinks of alcohol nearly every day... Smoke tobacco... Use vape products such as e-cigarettes (JUUL), vape pens, or mods... Use marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)... Use prescription drugs to get high or for reasons other than prescribed.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table B7.3**Peer Disapproval of ATOD Use**

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
Take one or two drinks of alcohol nearly every day				
Very wrong	36	56	52	
Wrong	36	19	24	
A little wrong	18	16	11	
Not at all wrong	9	8	12	
Smoke tobacco				
Very wrong	57	61	58	
Wrong	24	21	23	
A little wrong	10	11	10	
Not at all wrong	10	8	9	
Use vape products such as e-cigarettes, vape pens, or mods				
Very wrong	50	52	45	
Wrong	23	18	21	
A little wrong	14	19	17	
Not at all wrong	14	12	17	
Use marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)				
Very wrong	55	51	44	
Wrong	14	19	18	
A little wrong	23	16	17	
Not at all wrong	9	14	21	
Use prescription drugs to get high or for reasons other than prescribed				
Very wrong	68	67	65	
Wrong	23	16	19	
A little wrong	0	9	8	
Not at all wrong	9	8	8	

Question HS B.30-34/MS B.20-24: How wrong would your close friends feel it would be if you did the following?... Take one or two drinks of alcohol nearly every day... Smoke tobacco... Use vape products such as e-cigarettes (JUUL), vape pens, or mods... Use marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)... Use prescription drugs to get high or for reasons other than prescribed.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table B7.4

Heard, Read, or Watched Any Anti-ATOD Messages, Past 12 Months

	Grade 7 %	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	NT %
No	36	46	51	
Yes	64	54	49	

Question HS B.24/MS B.14: During the past 12 months, have you heard, read, or watched any messages about not using alcohol or drugs?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Z. Vallejo City Unified Custom Questions

1. Module Sample

Table Z1.1

Student Sample for Custom Questions

	Grade 7	Grade 9	Grade 11	NT ^A
<i>Student Sample Size</i>				
Target sample	693	734	795	130
Final number	403	383	489	24
Response Rate	58%	52%	62%	18%

Note: ^ANT includes continuation, community day, and other alternative school types.

2. Custom Questions

Table Z2.1

How difficult would it be for students in your grade to get alcohol from a store?

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Very difficult	33	25	18	21	25
Fairly difficult	15	16	17	13	16
Fairly easy	8	8	16	4	11
Very easy	4	6	8	21	7
I don't know	40	45	40	42	42

Question HS/MS Z.1.

Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table Z2.2

How difficult would it be for students in your grade to get an adult to buy alcohol for you?

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Very difficult	25	12	10	13	16
Fairly difficult	16	12	10	13	12
Fairly easy	9	18	24	8	17
Very easy	6	15	16	21	13
I don't know	44	43	40	46	42

Question HS/MS Z.2.

Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table Z2.3

How difficult would it be for students in your grade to get alcohol from older friends or siblings?

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Very difficult	17	8	8	8	11
Fairly difficult	11	6	6	4	7
Fairly easy	18	22	23	17	21
Very easy	13	23	29	29	22
I don't know	42	40	34	42	38

Question HS/MS Z.3.

Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table Z2.4***How difficult would it be for students in your grade to get alcohol at a party or gathering?***

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Very difficult	15	7	7	4	9
Fairly difficult	9	6	2	0	5
Fairly easy	13	17	19	13	16
Very easy	21	31	36	48	30
I don't know	42	40	35	35	39

*Question HS/MS Z.4.**Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.***Table Z2.5*****Do the parents of friends your age allow people your age to drink alcohol at parties or gatherings in their homes?***

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Never	86	71	59	75	71
Sometimes	12	25	32	17	24
Often	2	4	9	8	5

*Question HS/MS Z.5.**Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.***Table Z2.6*****Have you attended parties or gatherings in someone else's home where an adult knew that people your age were drinking alcohol?***

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Yes	14	23	33	29	24
No	86	77	67	71	76

*Question HS/MS Z.6.**Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.*

Table Z2.7***How difficult would it be for students in your grade to get alcohol from home?***

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Very difficult	13	5	8	0	9
Fairly difficult	11	12	7	21	10
Fairly easy	19	23	27	25	23
Very easy	7	9	17	17	11
I don't know	51	52	41	38	47

*Question HS/MS Z.7.**Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.***Table Z2.8*****Has a parent or another adult in your home ever given you an alcoholic drink at home WITH THEIR PERMISSION?***

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Yes	15	22	28	21	22
No	85	78	72	79	78

*Question HS/MS Z.8.**Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.***Table Z2.9*****How difficult would it be for students in your grade to get marijuana at school?***

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Very difficult	19	8	6	4	11
Fairly difficult	9	8	5	0	7
Fairly easy	14	19	19	17	18
Very easy	14	21	36	43	25
I don't know	44	44	34	35	40

*Question HS/MS Z.9.**Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.*

Table Z2.10***How difficult would it be for students in your grade to get marijuana from older friends or siblings?***

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Very difficult	13	7	6	4	8
Fairly difficult	11	6	5	4	7
Fairly easy	16	18	20	13	18
Very easy	10	20	30	35	21
I don't know	50	49	39	43	46

*Question HS/MS Z.10.**Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.***Table Z2.11*****How difficult would it be for students in your grade to get marijuana at a party or gathering?***

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Very difficult	12	6	5	4	7
Fairly difficult	11	5	3	0	6
Fairly easy	14	14	18	22	16
Very easy	14	23	32	39	24
I don't know	50	51	42	35	47

*Question HS/MS Z.11.**Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.***Table Z2.12*****Do the parents of friends your age allow people your age to use marijuana at parties or gatherings in their homes?***

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Never	89	83	73	61	81
Sometimes	8	13	21	26	15
Often	3	4	6	13	5

*Question HS/MS Z.12.**Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.*

Table Z2.13***Has a parent or another adult in your home ever given you marijuana at home WITH THEIR PERMISSION?***

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Yes	4	5	9	13	6
No	96	95	91	87	94

*Question HS/MS Z.13.**Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.***Table Z2.14*****How difficult would it be for students in your grade to get marijuana from home?***

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Very difficult	16	13	11	13	13
Fairly difficult	12	8	7	9	9
Fairly easy	9	9	16	13	12
Very easy	7	12	14	17	12
I don't know	56	59	52	48	55

*Question HS/MS Z.14.**Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.***Table Z2.15*****How difficult would it be for students in your grade to get marijuana from a medical marijuana dispensary?***

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Very difficult	19	16	12	35	16
Fairly difficult	10	12	11	9	11
Fairly easy	5	7	11	4	8
Very easy	3	6	6	17	5
I don't know	63	60	59	35	60

*Question HS/MS Z.15.**Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.*

Table Z2.16

How difficult would it be for students in your grade to get prescription drugs that were not prescribed to them from home?

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Very difficult	14	11	12	4	12
Fairly difficult	13	9	8	13	10
Fairly easy	12	13	12	9	12
Very easy	3	5	4	17	5
I don't know	57	61	63	57	61

Question HS/MS Z.16.

Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table Z2.17

Have you attended parties or gatherings where people your age were using prescription drugs that were not prescribed to them?

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Yes	5	4	5	13	5
No	95	96	95	87	95

Question HS/MS Z.17.

Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table Z2.18

How difficult would it be for students in your grade to get vape products such as e-cigarettes (JUUL), vape pens, or mods?

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Very difficult	8	5	6	5	6
Fairly difficult	9	7	3	0	6
Fairly easy	16	20	18	27	18
Very easy	23	31	41	32	32
I don't know	44	38	32	36	37

Question HS/MS Z.18.

Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table Z2.19

How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they use vape products such as e-cigarettes (JUUL), vape pens, or mods?

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Great risk	32	35	38	27	35
Moderate risk	20	26	25	14	24
Slight risk	11	6	11	18	10
No risk	2	1	3	9	2
I don't know	33	33	23	32	29

Question HS/MS Z.19.

Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table Z2.20

Have you ever inhaled marijuana, hash or cannabis oil using a vape product such as e-cigarettes (JUUL), vape pens, or mods?

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Yes	13	18	22	36	18
No	87	82	78	64	82

Question HS/MS Z.20.

Note: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table Z2.21

Have you participated in any of the extracurricular/social clubs listed below in the last two years? (Please select all that apply)

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Associated Student Body (ASB)/Leadership	4	4	4	0	4
Audio Visual Club	1	1	1	5	1
AVID	1	17	17	5	12
College and Career	1	4	9	5	5
A Cultural Club	2	2	6	0	4
Drama	4	2	5	5	4
National Honor Society/National Junior Honor Society	1	0	2	0	1
ROTC	1	8	8	0	6
Faith-based clubs	1	1	1	0	1
Girl or boy empowerment/mentoring club	2	1	1	0	1
Other extracurricular/social clubs	7	9	14	14	11
None of the above	86	65	54	73	67

Question HS/MS Z.21.

Notes: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents. Total percentages may exceed 100% for “mark all that apply” items.

Table Z2.22

Have you participated in any of the community/advocacy clubs listed below in the last two years? (Please select all that apply)

	Grade				Total %
	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %	
Friday Night Live (FNL)/Club Live	0	1	1	5	1
Future Farmers of America (FFA)/4-H	1	1	0	0	1
Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)	3	1	2	0	2
Key Club	0	2	2	5	1
Youth Coalition	0	0	1	0	0
Link Crew	0	1	0	0	0
Rotary/Interact	0	0	0	0	0
Soroptimist	0	0	0	0	0
Youth advisory board	0	1	1	0	0
Police Activities League (PAL)	2	0	0	5	1
Other community/advocacy clubs	2	2	4	0	3
None of the above	95	93	91	95	93

Question HS/MS Z.22.

Notes: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents. Total percentages may exceed 100% for “mark all that apply” items.

Table Z2.23

Have you participated in any of the academic teams listed below in the last two years? (Please select all that apply)

	Grade				Total %
	7th	9th	11th	NT	
	%	%	%	%	
Academic Decathlon	0	1	1	0	1
Speech and Debate	2	3	2	0	2
Glee	0	1	0	0	1
Mock trial	1	1	5	0	3
STEM	13	5	6	9	8
Robotics	9	7	5	14	7
Science bowl	1	0	0	0	1
Marching Band	3	5	7	9	5
Other academic teams	5	2	4	0	3
None of the above	76	83	79	82	79

Question HS/MS Z.23.

Notes: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents. Total percentages may exceed 100% for “mark all that apply” items.

Table Z2.24

Have you participated in any of the athletic teams listed below in the last two years? (Please select all that apply)

	Grade				Total %
	7th	9th	11th	NT	
	%	%	%	%	
Basketball	22	12	10	14	14
Football	15	10	8	18	11
Baseball/softball	11	6	9	14	8
Soccer	19	14	10	14	14
Track and field	5	10	9	9	8
Volleyball	16	10	9	0	11
Water polo	2	1	1	0	1
Cheerleading	5	2	4	5	4
Golf	2	2	1	0	2
Badminton	5	5	7	0	5
Tennis	5	3	9	0	6
Other athletic teams	11	7	6	5	8
None of the above	47	47	51	64	49

Question HS/MS Z.24.

Notes: Columns are not displayed if there are less than 10 respondents. Total percentages may exceed 100% for “mark all that apply” items.

Appendix I

2021-22 CHKS Secondary Survey Response Rates

Eligible Schools	7th %	9th %	11th %	NT %
Cave Language Academy	95			
Hogan Middle	60			
Jesse M. Bethel High		96	87	
John Finney High (Continuation)				24
Joseph H. Wardlaw Elementary				
Loma Vista Environmental Science Academy	96			
Mare Island Health and Fitness Academy	93			
Solano Widenmann Leadership Academy	66			
Vallejo Adult Transition				
Vallejo Charter	100			
Vallejo High		22	54	
Virtual Academy	100			

Notes: Response rates are presented by grade level. Eligible schools listed are based on CBEDS 2021-22 public school and 2020-21 enrollment data files. Directly funded charter schools have been excluded from the list.

Appendix II

CHKS Content Overview, 2021-22

This brief guide to key CHKS Core Module indicators is designed to help survey users more easily understand and interpret their findings.¹ References are provided to the tables in CHKS reports where results for the indicators discussed can be found. References are also made to other relevant CHKS reports, factsheets, and resources that can be downloaded from the CalSCHLS website (calschls.org) for further information. What Works Briefs that provide guidance on best practices related to areas assessed by the survey are available from the California Safe and Supportive Schools website (ca-safe-supportive-schools.wested.org/resources).

Special attention is directed toward indicators related to the requirements of California’s Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP).² For a summary of state-level LCAP-related baseline CHKS data, see Factsheet #15.³

MAIN CONTENT FOCUS: REMOTE LEARNING EXPERIENCES, SCHOOL CLIMATE, AND THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE CHILD

The main purpose of the CHKS Core Module is to assess indicators of school climate, pupil engagement, and students supports, all three key priorities required of the LCAP. It provides schools with essential data to determine the degree to which they provide the conditions and supports that all youth need to succeed in learning and developmentally thrive. Fifty-one items assessing 14 school climate domains included in a *School Climate Report Card (SCRC)* that districts can request at the district and school level.⁴ The items used in the SCRC assess school connectedness, developmental supports (e.g., caring adult relationships), and safety, including bullying and victimization.

School climate, as measured by the CHKS, is strongly related to student performance on standardized academic tests. Data for high school students show that as school climate improves—as the schools became safer, more supportive, and more engaging—test performance increased as well.⁵

In a ground-breaking analysis, a positive school climate was a distinguishing characteristic of California secondary schools that “beat the odds” academically and consistently performed better on the state’s standardized tests than *would be predicted* based on the characteristics of their students (i.e., comparing schools with similar student demographics). The more positive the school climate, the greater the probability there was for beating the odds. School climate was more strongly associated with beating the odds than a school’s level of personnel resources.⁶

In addition, the CHKS Core Module provides data to help understand the degree to which schools address the needs of the Whole Child. CHKS data show that California secondary schools made greater progress in raising standardized test scores over a one-year period when they had higher percentages of students

¹ To see how local results compare with state averages in California, download a copy of the latest Biennial State CHKS report (calschls.org/reports-data/#state-level_reports). The Biennial State data are derived from a randomly-selected, representative state sample. County level reports are also available on the CHKS website. Biennial State CHKS and county level data can also be examined interactively on the CalSCHLS Data Dashboard (calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard).

² For a guide to how CalSCHLS survey items align with LCAP indicator requirements, download Helpful Resources for Local Control and Accountability Plans at calschls.org/resources/#survey_content_guides.

³ Austin. (2016). Download calschls.org/docs/factsheet-15.pdf

⁴ See calschls.org/reports-data/#sclr

⁵ O’Malley & Hanson. (2012). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet3_API_20120716.pdf

⁶ Voight, Austin, & Hanson. (2013). Download www.wested.org/online_pubs/hd-13-10.pdf

who reported: (1) being less engaged in risky behaviors such as substance use and violence; (2) being more likely to eat nutritiously and exercise; and (3) experiencing caring adult relationships and high expectations at school.⁷ These results suggest that addressing the health and developmental needs of youth is a critical component of a comprehensive strategy for meeting accountability demands for improved academic performance.

GRADE-LEVEL PATTERNS

More than twenty years of survey administration has demonstrated that as youth progress through secondary school, they become: (1) less likely to report feeling connected to school and being academically motivated; and (2) more likely to report truancy, involvement in substance use, and chronic sadness and hopelessness. Here are some additional grade-level patterns in CHKS data:

- **Seventh graders** report the highest rates of harassment and victimization, as well as participation in a physical fight and seeing a weapon on campus.
- **Ninth graders** report the lowest rates of developmental support.
- **Nontraditional (continuation school) students** report risk behavior (e.g., binge drinking, fighting at school) prevalence rates at least twice those of 11th graders in traditional comprehensive high schools.⁸ They also exhibit lower perceived school safety, school connectedness, and developmental supports. Continuation school students are a highly vulnerable population in need of a wide range of academic, social, emotional, and behavioral supports and intervention services.⁹

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS AND POPULATION GROUP DIFFERENCES (Section 3)

Indicators of the demographic and background characteristics of the survey respondents help users gain a better sense of how representative the survey sample is compared to the student population overall. They also enable users to analyze how survey results vary by important groups in the school and help them to identify, and target programs for, youth most in need. School districts can use these data to meet LCAP requirements to demonstrate actions across state priorities in regard to socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, and foster youth, as well as other indicators such as race/ethnicity, homeless youth, and LGBTQ youth.

In the standard CHKS report, breakdowns for selected key indicators are provided by race/ethnicity and gender. For selected key indicators, the CalSCHLS Data Dashboard (calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard) can be used to display group differences by gender, race/ethnicity, parental education, parent military status, homeless status, afterschool participation, gender identity, and sexual orientation. Results can also be displayed for English learners, free and reduced-priced meal eligible students (prior to 2021-22), and foster youth—three important LCAP priority groups. Districts/schools can also subscribe to the District CalSCHLS private data dashboard to disaggregate their CHKS results by demographic groups for each school (call 888.841.7536 or email calschls@wested.org).

Racial-Ethnic Group Identification

Respondents self-report their identification with six racial/ethnic groups plus mixed (two or more) race.

⁷ Hanson & Austin. (2003). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-3.pdf

⁸ In interpreting the results for 11th graders, note that many youth who are most disengaged and involved in high risk behaviors may have already dropped out of school or did not participate in the survey because of truancy or absenteeism.

⁹ Austin, Dixon, & Bailey. (2007). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-7.pdf

In one study of CHKS data, both academic performance and school well-being—the degree to which students feel safe at, supported by, and connected to the school—varied consistently and persistently across schools by racial/ethnic groupings.¹⁰ They were lowest in schools with large proportions of African American and Hispanic students, as well as in low-income schools. Controlling for socioeconomic status and other school demographic characteristics reduced these racial/ethnic group differences, but the disparities still remained. This suggests that school climate factors related to student well-being may also play a role in the racial/ethnic achievement gap. One strategy to close the gap may be to enhance learning supports that foster caring adult relationships, high expectations, meaningful participation, safety, and connectedness in schools serving large proportions of low-income African American and Hispanic students.

In the majority of cases, with notable exceptions for Asians, *the racial/ethnic gaps in performance, engagement, perceived support, and safety are greater within-schools than between-schools.*¹¹ African American, Latino, and Asian students feel less safe, engaged, and supported than their White peers *within the same school*. Inequities in these factors, for the various racial/ethnic groups, can possibly contribute to the achievement gap. Further, these findings suggest that practices designed to ensure equal access to academic resources, opportunities, learning supports, and promotion of common experiences may be effective in ameliorating the gap.

Foster Care Youth

Compared to youth who live with their parents, foster care youth report much higher rates of substance abuse, poor school attendance and grades, more violence-related behaviors, more harassment, and higher depression risk.¹² They were also more likely to be low in caring adult relationships and total developmental support.

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning or queer (LGBTQ) youth are at elevated risk for bullying and violence victimization, mental health problems, drug and alcohol use, and exhibiting poor performance in school.^{13 14} For example, analysis of the latest Biennial CHKS data indicate that LGBTQ youth¹⁵ are:

- about 30 percentage points more likely than non-LGBTQ youth to experience harassment and bullying at school;
- 30-to-40 percentage points more likely to exhibit chronic sadness;
- 2-to-3 times more likely to smoke cigarettes, binge drink, and to have been drunk or high at school; and
- receive substantially fewer social supports from teachers and peers at school than their counterparts who do not identify as LGBTQ.

Because of such disparities, it is important to examine disparities across LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ youth to identify needs and support the development of practices that promote the healthy development and safety of all youth.

¹⁰ Austin, Hanson, Bono, & Zheng. (2008). Download data.calschls.org/resources/factsheet_8.pdf

¹¹ Hanson, Austin, & Li. (2012). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-13_20120405.pdf

¹² Austin, Jones, & Annon. (2007). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-6.pdf

¹³ Hanson, T., Zhang, G., Cerna, R., Stern, A., & Austin, G. (2019) Understanding the experiences of LGBTQ youth in California. San Francisco, CA: WestEd. [Download wested.org/resources/lgbtq-students-in-california/](https://download.wested.org/resources/lgbtq-students-in-california/)

¹⁴ Russell, S. T., & Fish, J. N. (2016). Mental health in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth. *Annual Review of Clinical Psychology*, 12, 465-487.

¹⁵ See calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard/

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, SUPPORTS, AND ENGAGEMENT (Section 6)

A major focus of the CHKS is providing data to gauge the level of pupil engagement, an LCAP state priority on which districts are required to show improvement. Enhancing student engagement has been identified as the key to addressing problems of low achievement, high levels of student misbehavior, alienation, and high dropout rates.¹⁶ CHKS and other surveys consistently show that as youth progress through the school system, indicators of engagement decline.

It is important to look at engagement from three perspectives: behavioral, emotional, and cognitive. The CHKS provides data on all three types. As discussed below, the Academic Motivation scale and self-reported grades provide insight into cognitive engagement; the School Connectedness scale into emotional engagement; and attendance and truancy data into behavioral engagement. Other behavioral engagement indicators on the survey include substance use at school and violence perpetration. Research shows that student engagement is malleable and that all three types of engagement are influenced by the level to which students perceive the school as having a positive environment.

The CHKS Developmental Supports scales provide insight into whether students experience three protective factors in their school (caring relationships, high expectations, and opportunities for meaningful participation). These protective factors characterize a positive school climate and are linked to school connectedness and positive academic, behavioral, and health outcomes. Other school climate factors assessed are the level of parent involvement and the quality of the school physical environment, both also LCAP priorities. The likelihood that students will be motivated and engaged is increased to the extent that their teachers, family, and friends effectively support their purposeful involvement in learning and in school.

Self-Reported Grades

The CHKS asks students to indicate what grades they received in school in the past 12 months. Although self-reports are not as accurate as actual report card data, they provide a general sense of the school performance of the survey respondents from their self-perception. To learn more about the factors that might be causing poor performance, request a CHKS report showing how all the survey results vary by level of performance (call 888.841.7536 or email calschls@wested.org).

Academic Motivation

A four-item scale gauges student academic motivation by asking how strongly they agree that they try hard to do well on schoolwork, try hard because they are interested in the work, work hard to understand new things at school, and always try to do better. On the 2017-19 State CHKS, the percentage of students agreeing with the questions on this scale ranged from 71 percent in 11th grade to 75 percent in 11th.¹⁷

In order to achieve rigorous academic goals, students need not only a challenging and engaging curriculum, but they need to be emotionally connected to their learning. Student perceptions of the school environment and their degree of school connectedness influence their achievement motivation. But students may be behaviorally and/or emotionally invested in a given activity without actually exerting the necessary mental effort to understand and master the knowledge, craft, or skill that the activity promotes. This scale provides insight into the overall level of that mental effort.

In addition, the supplementary School Climate Module includes an Academic Mindset and Learning Engagement scale and a series of questions about supports for learning and academic rigor.

¹⁶ Wang, M-T, & Eccles, J. (2013). School context, achievement motivation, and academic engagement: A longitudinal study of school engagement using a multidimensional perspective. *Learning and Instruction*, 28, 12-23.

¹⁷ Austin, Hanson, Zhang, & Zheng. (2020). Download data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1719.pdf

Absenteeism

Before good teachers with quality curriculums and engaging activities can improve academic performance, the students have to show up. The CHKS provides data to identify what proportion of respondents are at risk of chronic absenteeism (missed 2 or more days during the past 30 days) and what were the reasons for absences.¹⁸ Users can request reports looking at the characteristics of youth based on absenteeism indicators to guide efforts to improve the LCAP pupil engagement priority (call 888.841.7536 or email calschls@wested.org).

Poor attendance is a marker of a wider variety of other problems, including low school connectedness and learning engagement. Both the US Department of Education and the California Office of the Attorney General have launched initiatives designed to raise awareness about and combat chronic absenteeism, generally defined as missing 10 percent of school days. According to a report by Attendance Works, the nation's large and persistent achievement gaps are rooted in a largely hidden crisis of chronic absenteeism, especially among low-income and minority children.¹⁹

Biennial State CHKS data indicate that the most common reasons for being absent in secondary school, after illness, are generally not getting enough sleep and anxiety or stress, followed by being behind in schoolwork, and being bored or uninterested in school, another good indicator of disengagement.²⁰

Developmental Supports

Research shows that when schools (or families or communities) provide three developmental supports—**caring adult relationships, high expectations, and opportunities for meaningful participation**—students are more likely to report more positive academic, social-emotional, and health outcomes, including higher grades, school connectedness, attendance, and perceived safety. CHKS measures these supports using multi-item scales. Results overall suggest that the great majority of students do not receive sufficient levels of support and that the supports received are lower in high school than in middle school, even though student need for them is arguably higher.^{21 22 23 24 25 26}

School Connectedness

School connectedness is one of the indicators of school climate that a California school district must address in its LCAP. Research shows that school connectedness is associated with multiple positive academic, social-emotional, and health outcomes.²⁷ It also shows that youth who feel safe at school, experience caring adults, and have opportunities for engagement and other developmental supports are more likely to feel connected to the school. The CHKS five-item School Connectedness scale is an important differentiator between low-performing and high-performing high schools and has value as an indicator of school quality. The online Query CalSCHLS system (calschls.org/reports-data/query-calschls/) enables examination of how key survey indicators vary by school connectedness.

¹⁸ Because most students participated in school via remote learning in 2020-21, the CHKS did not ask about student truancy so that additional items could be included to assess absenteeism.

¹⁹ Attendance Works & Everyone Graduates Center. (2017, September). *Portraits of Change: Aligning School and Community Resources to Reduce Chronic Absence*. Download www.attendanceworks.org/portraits-of-change/

²⁰ Austin, Hanson, Polik, & Zheng. (2018). Download data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1517.pdf

²¹ Hanson & Austin. (2002). Download data.calschls.org/resources/factsheet.pdf

²² Hanson & Austin. (2002). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-3.pdf

²³ Hanson. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet1_caring_20120223.pdf

²⁴ Hanson. (2012). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet2_participation_20120224.pdf

²⁵ O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief1_CaringRelationships_final.pdf

²⁶ O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief2_MeaningfulPart_final.pdf

²⁷ National Research Council and the Institute of Medicine. (2004). *Engaging schools: Fostering high school students' motivation to learn*. Washington, D.C.: The National Academies Press.

School connectedness appears to have increased in California in the second half of the last decade, but it still declines markedly after elementary school. A substantial minority of middle and high school students are not connected to their schools. On the 2017-19 State CHKS, the average percentage of students agreeing to these scale questions declined from 62 percent in 7th grade to 53 percent in 11th, a decline similar to that found for the Academic Motivation scale.²⁸ This may be related at least in part to their lower levels of developmental support. Prior analyses have indicated that the lowest rates of both connectedness and test scores are in low-income schools.^{29 30}

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement, including promoting parental participation in school programs, is one of the LCAP state priorities. A three-item scale assesses student perceptions (level of agreement) of three components of parent involvement: teachers communicating with parents about what students are expected to learn in class, parents feeling welcome to participate at this school, and school staff taking parent concerns seriously. The same questions also are asked on the staff and parent surveys so that perceptions can be compared across all three stakeholder groups. A large and growing body of evidence has linked school success to the manner and degree to which a school communicates with parents, engages them both in school activities and education, and fosters a school climate that parents perceive as warm, inviting, and helpful.³¹

Facilities and Physical Environment

As an indicator of student perceptions of the school’s physical environment, the CHKS includes a question asking students how much they agree the school “is usually clean and tidy.” Additional questions are included in the supplementary School Climate Module. An analysis of 2015/17 data from the questions on both modules found that a plurality of students report that their school facilities are in good condition, but a non-trivial minority of students were dissatisfied with the condition of their school facilities.³² Between 20 percent and 25 percent of students disagree or strongly disagree on the quality of the physical environment items. Almost one-third of schools serving 11th graders were categorized as having low quality physical environments based on student reports on the clean and tidy item. Student perceptions of the quality of their school’s physical environment were strongly related to student achievement.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE, VICTIMIZATION, AND SAFETY (Section 8)

The CHKS asks students a wide range of questions to ascertain the scope and nature of physical and verbal violence and victimization that occurs on campus, as well as vandalism, and the overall level of school safety.³³ Physical violence and weapons on campus have long been a major public concern. Equally disruptive are the uncounted acts of bullying, teasing, and other nonviolent misbehavior among youth, such as substance use and sales on campus.³⁴ These behaviors adversely affect not only students’ ability

²⁸ Austin, Hanson, Zhang, & Zheng. (2020). Download data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1719.pdf

²⁹ Austin, Hanson, & Voight. (2013). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet5_connectedness_20130827.pdf

³⁰ O’Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief4_Connectedness_final.pdf

³¹ Wilder, S. (2014). Effects of parental involvement on academic achievement. A meta-synthesis. *Educational Review*, 66:3, 377-397.

³² Hanson & Austin. (2018). Download calschls.org/docs/facilities_2-18-1.pdf

³³ The CHKS also includes two violence-related questions that are not school based: the frequency students experienced cyberbullying and whether they are gang members.

³⁴ Juvonen, J., & Graham, S. (2001). *Peer harassment in school: The plight of the vulnerable and victimized*. New York: Guilford Press.

to learn and willingness to attend school, but also the overall school environment, the ability of teachers to teach, and the willingness of adults to enter the teaching profession.^{35 36 37}

Perceived Safety

Perceived safety is another indicator that districts/schools are required to monitor as part of their LCAP school climate priority. School safety is more than the antithesis of violence. Perceived school safety is psychological as well as physical. Feelings of insecurity can have multiple sources, not all of which correctly reflect the level of danger and violence on a school campus, such as verbal bullying. Both physical and psychological safety are essential for high quality teaching and learning. It is a key factor in students feeling connected to school. Another indicator important for attendance is the percentage of students who report missing school because they didn't feel safe (Table A6.3).

If students report low levels of perceived school safety, further examination of all the indicators related to bullying and victimization is warranted. Consider conducting follow-up student voice and feedback sessions such as focus groups or Student Listening Circles and integrating questions on why students do not feel safe.³⁸

Harassment and Victimization

Most of the safety-related questions on the survey assess victimization. Because a relatively small number of students can victimize a large number of their peers, victimization questions provide important insight into the overall school climate. Nonviolent harassment in any form—threats, intimidation, rumors, and ostracism—can instill a sense of vulnerability, isolation, frustration, and fear among its victims, leading to engagement in health risk behaviors or avoidance behaviors such as missing school and social isolation. This type of misbehavior, vastly more common than any other, ruins the school day for many students. In *Bruised Inside* (2000), the National Association of Attorneys General describes harassment by peers as one of the two causes for kids to express anger using guns, knives, and fists.³⁹

The CHKS asks about the frequency with which students experienced any bullying/harassment related to six bias-related categories (gender, race/ethnicity, disability, sexual identity, religion, immigrant status), as well as for any other reason (Table A8.2). About three-in-ten secondary students report experiencing some harassment in the past year on the State CHKS, with the percentages declining between 7th and 11th grades.⁴⁰ Analyses show that victims of harassment are more likely to not feel safe at, and connected to, school; to have higher truancy; and to experience lower developmental (resilience) supports at school.⁴¹ ⁴² They report higher rates of fighting and weapons possession at school, as well as risk of depression. Students who report bias-related harassment, particularly for disability and sexual orientation, have poorer well-being than students who were only harassed for other reasons.

Different forms of verbal harassment at school are assessed by asking students about: mean rumors or lies; sexual-related jokes, comments, or gestures; being made fun of because of looks or speech; and, more generally, being made fun of, insulted or called names. Physical victimization is assessed by questions

³⁵ Barton, P. E. (2001). *Facing the hard facts in education reform*. Princeton, NJ: Educational Testing Service.

³⁶ O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief5_ViolencePerpetration_final.pdf

³⁷ O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief6_ViolenceVictimization_final.pdf

³⁸ O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief3_Safety_final.pdf

³⁹ Horn, D. M., National Association of Attorneys General., & Washington (State). (2000). *Bruised inside: What our children say about youth violence, what causes it, and what we need to do about it: A report of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG)*. Washington, DC: National Association of Attorneys General.

⁴⁰ Austin, Hanson, Zhang, & Zheng. (2020). Download data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1719.pdf

⁴¹ Heck, Russell, O'Shaughnessy, Laub, Calhoun, & Austin. (2005). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-4.pdf

⁴² Austin, Nakamoto, & Bailey. (2010). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-10.pdf

about having been pushed/shoved, threatened with harm or injury (without or without weapon), and being afraid of being beaten up. Students are also asked whether they have ever been in a physical fight as a measure of general violence.

The supplementary School Climate Module includes Bullying Prevention and Respect for Diversity scales to provide insight into what the school is doing to reduce the problem.

Vandalism and Weapons

Two other safety-related areas assessed by the survey are school vandalism and weapons possession. Students are asked whether they damaged school property or had their property damaged at school and whether they carried a knife or other weapon to school or observed someone else doing these things.⁴³ Overall, weapons possession is not common. Statewide, only about two percent of secondary students report carrying a gun and 4-5 percent report carrying another weapon.⁴⁴ About 14 percent of 7th and 9th graders report seeing someone carrying a weapon compared to 11 percent of 11th graders.

SUBSTANCE USE (Sections 9 and 10)

An important barrier to learning, positive youth development, and health, substance use is assessed by the CHKS Core.

Alcohol and Other Drug Use (Section 9)

The misuse of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) continues to be among the most important issues confronting the nation. For schools, the problem is particularly relevant. Years of research have shown that adolescent substance use is closely connected to academic performance and contributes to raising the level of truancy and absenteeism, special education, disciplinary problems, disengagement and dropout rates, teacher turnover, and property damage.

Reflecting this, on the California School Staff Survey, 39 percent of high school staff statewide reported that alcohol and drug use are a moderate to severe problem at their school.⁴⁵

Alcohol and Other Drug Use at School (Section 9)

AOD use at school is especially troubling. This is behavior that threatens not only the user's learning ability but also the school's efforts to educate all youth. It also is an indirect indicator of school disengagement. An analysis of CHKS data found that substance use and intoxication at school, being offered drugs at school, and lifetime intoxication were significantly related to changes in California achievement test scores one year later.⁴⁶ Schools with proportionately large numbers of students who reported these behaviors exhibited smaller gains in test scores than other schools.^{47 48}

Cigarette Smoking (Section 10)

Students who report smoking cigarettes are significantly more likely than those who do not to engage in alcohol and other drug use, be involved in violence and gang membership, and experience school-related problems and disengagement. To a lesser extent, students who smoke are also more likely to be victims of violence and harassment, feel unsafe at school, and experience incapacitating sadness and loneliness.

⁴³ Students who participated in school exclusively via remote learning were not asked these questions in 2020-21.

⁴⁴ Austin, Hanson, Polik, & Zheng. (2018). Download data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1517.pdf

⁴⁵ Statewide CSSS. (2018). Download calschls.org/docs/statewide_1517_csss.pdf

⁴⁶ Hanson, T. L., Austin, G. A., & Lee-Bayha, J. (2004). *Ensuring that No Child is Left Behind: How are Student Health Risks & Resilience Related to the Academic Progress of Schools*. San Francisco: WestEd.

⁴⁷ Hanson & Austin. (2003). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-3.pdf

⁴⁸ O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief8_AOD_final.pdf

These results suggest that efforts to reduce student smoking may be more successful if embedded in approaches that address a broad range of risk behaviors and problems.^{49 50}

MENTAL HEALTH (Section 7)

Student mental health can have a big impact on their health and well-being. The CHKS Core provides four measures for assessing mental health among students: (1) whether they experience chronic, incapacitating sadness or hopelessness; (2) whether they ever contemplated suicide; (3) social and emotional distress; and (4) life satisfaction. Students who experience chronic sadness, compared to their peers who do not, are at elevated risk of a wide range of educational, health, social, and emotional problems, including lower school attendance, performance, and connectedness.⁵¹ They also report lower levels of the developmental supports in their schools and communities that have been shown to mitigate these problems. Similar findings are found among youth who have contemplated suicide.⁵²

CHKS data also show that students who report bias-related harassment, particularly for disability and sexual orientation, have poorer overall mental health than students who are harassed for other reasons or not harassed. Students who report any harassment are about twice as likely to experience chronic sadness/hopelessness than their non-harassed peers.^{53 54}

See also the percentage of students who report missing school because they “felt very sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed, or angry.” In addition, the supplementary School Climate Module includes a Social and Emotional Supports scale that provides insight from students on what the school does to help promote mental health and foster of social-emotional competencies.

⁴⁹ Hanson & Zheng. (2006). Download data.calschls.org/resources/factsheet2update.pdf

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